

FLORIDA DIAMONDFLOWERS

Houstonia floridana Standley

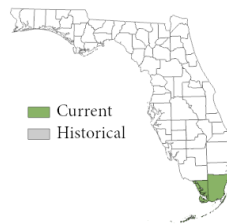
Synonyms: *Hedyotis nigricans* (Lam.) Fosberg
var. *floridana* (Standl.) Wunderlin; *Stenaria*
nigricans (Lam.) Terrell var. *floridana* (Standl.)
Terrell

Family: Rubiaceae (coffee)

FNAI Ranks: G5T2/S2

Legal Status: US-none FL-none

Wetland Status: US-none+ FL-UPL



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Field Description: Terrestrial, herbaceous, perennial. Does not exceed 10 cm in height. Prefers moist limestone rich soils. Small white flowers with four petals, with short, thin, opposite and paired leaves. Multistemmed with branches coming from leaf nodes.

Similar Species: None

Related Rare Species: None in FL.

Habitat: Pine rocklands

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Best Survey Season: Flowers in Summer

Range-wide Distribution: Found in Florida in Miami-Dade and Monroe Keys, also native to north Bahamas.

Conservation Status: This species is vouchered from two counties in South Florida.

Protection and Management: Preserve pine rockland habitats on the Miami Rock Ridge and the lower Florida Keys from clearing, development and erosion. Eradicate invasive plant species.

References: Gann G.D., Trotta L.B., and collaborators (2001-2023)