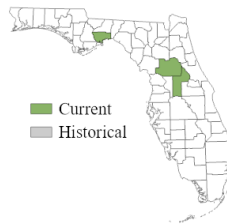


## OCALA CLAW-CERCUS GRASSHOPPER

*Melanoplus nanciae*



**Order:** Orthoptera

**Family:** Acrididae

**FNAI Ranks:** G1?/S1?

**U.S. Status:** none

**FL Status:** none

**Description:** Very similar to other *Melanoplus* spp., but may be distinguished by the "...long, slender, dorsal claw on the cercus..." (Deyrup 1996).

**Similar Species:** Other *Melanoplus* grasshoppers are very similar and may be told apart by male genitalia.

**Habitat:** Capinera and Scherer stated "Its habitat is poorly known, but it has been collected only from regrowth in clearcut forest following harvest of pines." It is only known from the Ocala National Forest and may inhabit scrub.

**Seasonal Occurrence:** Adults have been found in early July and late August.

**Florida Distribution:** This species is only known from a small area in the Ocala National Forest in Marion County.

**Range-wide Distribution:** This species is only known from a small area in the Ocala National Forest in Marion County.

**Conservation Status:** This species is only known from a small area in the Ocala National Forest in Marion County. It appears to have very specific habitat or other requirements, as it was difficult to predict where it would occur (Deyrup 1996).

**Protection and Management:** No management recommendations can be made until more is found out about this species' habitat requirements. It appears to have very specific habitat or other requirements, as it was difficult to predict where it would occur (Deyrup 1996).

**References:** Deyrup 1996



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