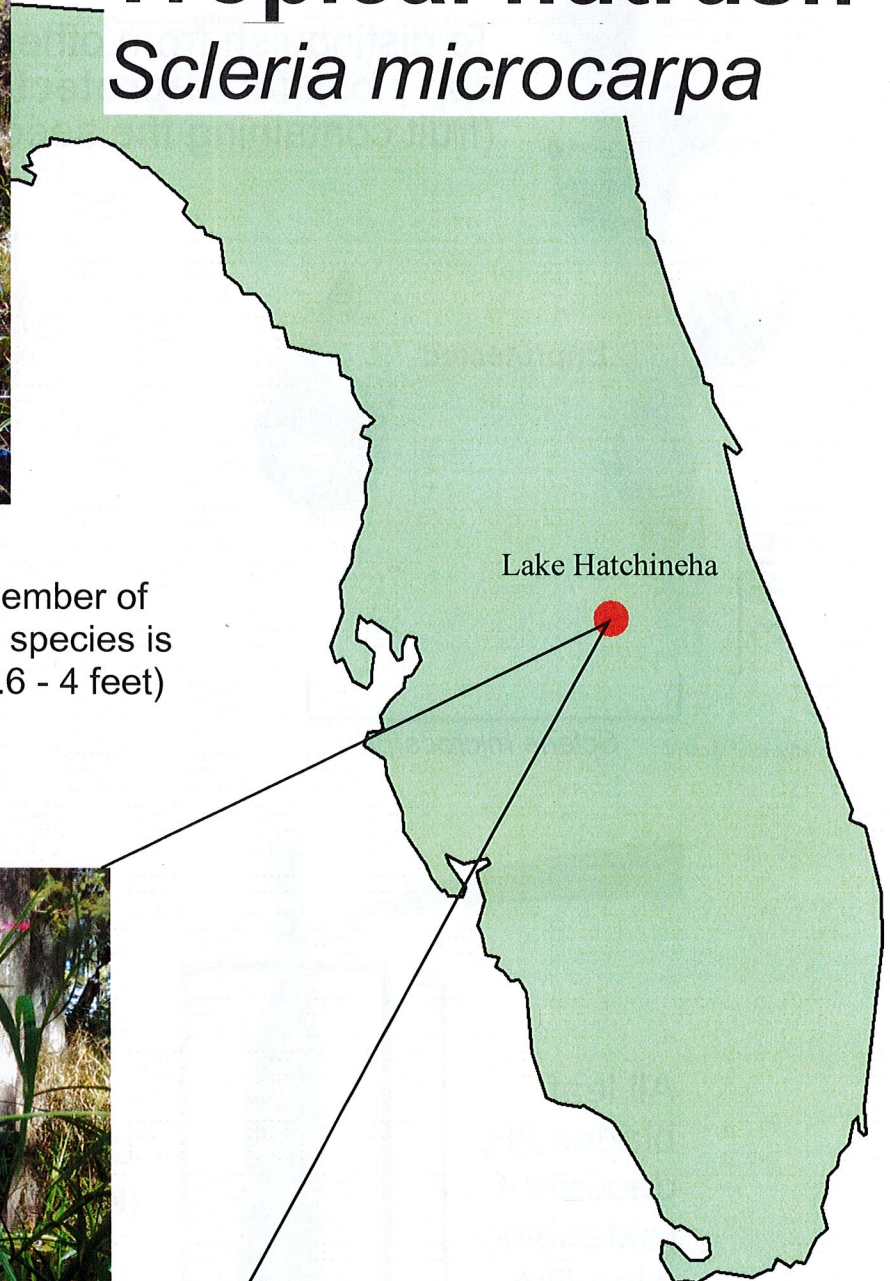


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## Tropical nutrush *Scleria microcarpa*



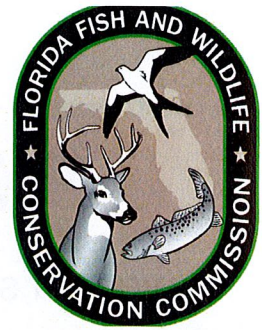
*Scleria microcarpa* is a graminoid member of the Sedge family, Cyperaceae. This species is approximately 0.5 to 1.25 meters (1.6 - 4 feet) in height.



It is currently found in the canopied, cypress-dominated floodplain of Lake Hatchineha. However, other wetland areas would also provide suitable habitat, and should also be examined. Current research is investigating the most effective control methods.



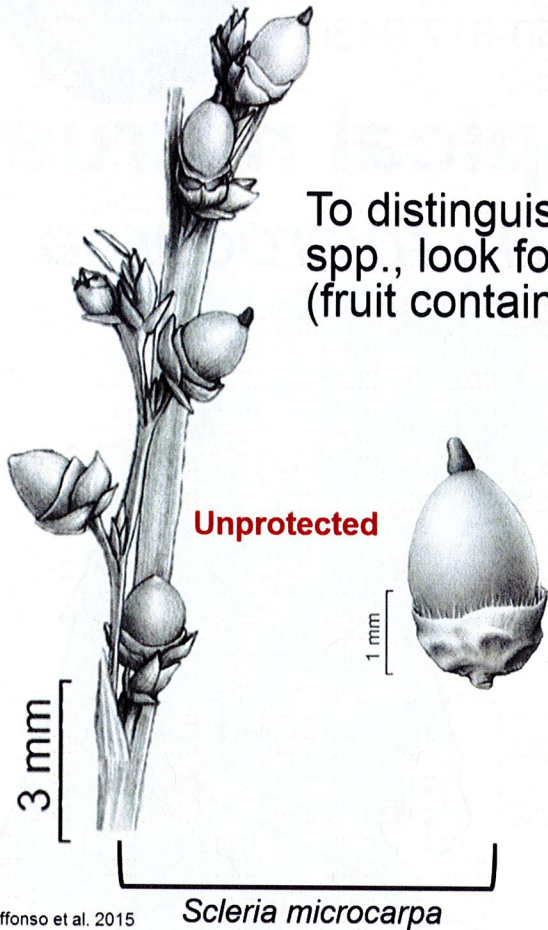
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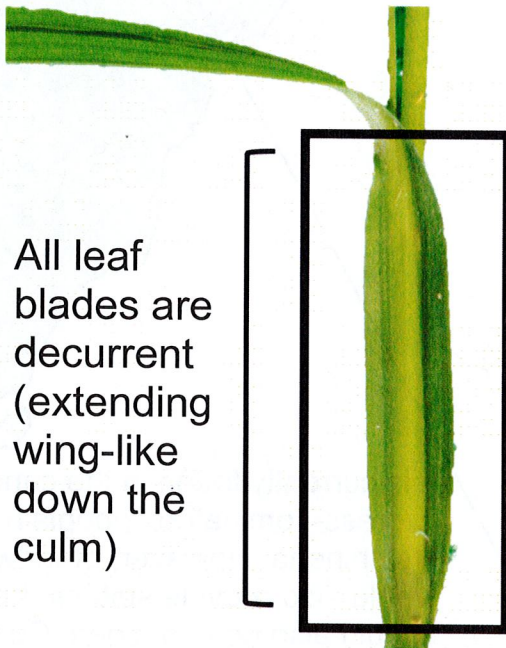
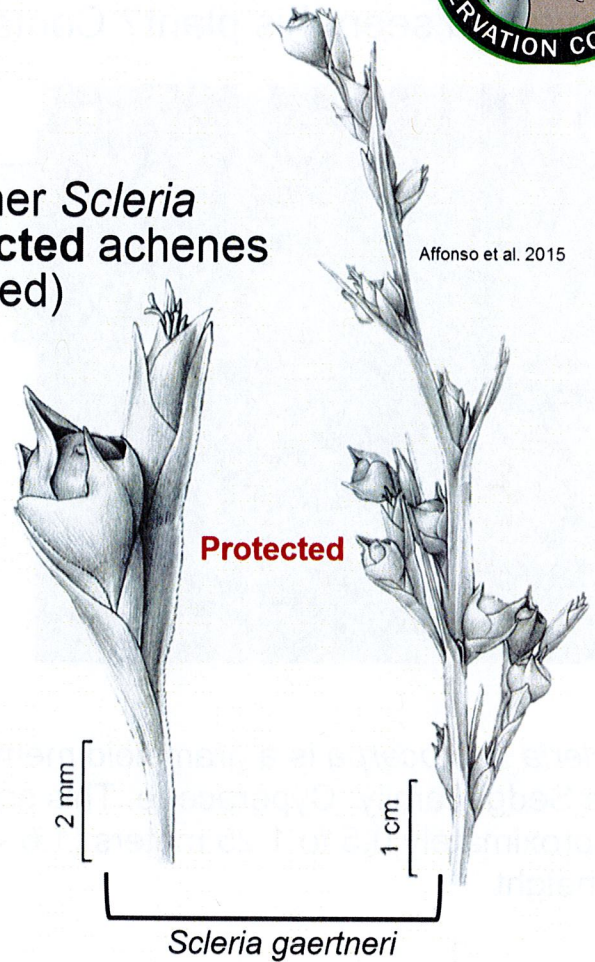
In Florida, 3 exotic species of *Scleria* can be found (*microcarpa*, *gaetneri*, and *lacustris*) and native *Scleria* species. Most *Scleria* species flower between May and November.

To distinguish from other *Scleria* spp., look for **unprotected** achenes (fruit containing the seed)

Affonso et al. 2015

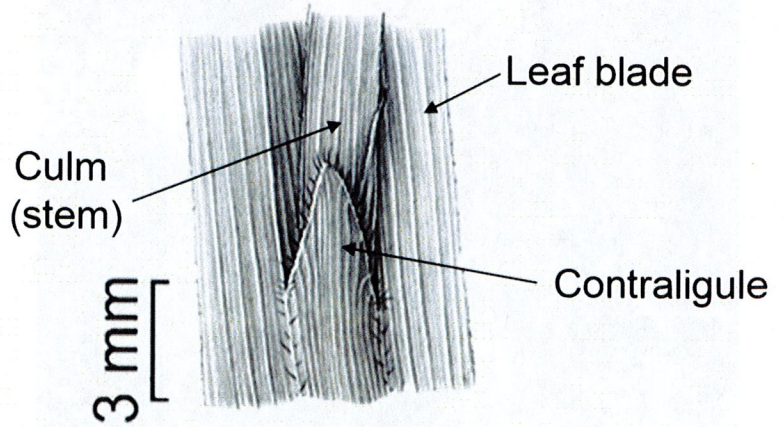


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All leaf blades are decurrent (extending wing-like down the culm)

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