

SPOON PRIMROSEWILLOW

Ludwigia spathulata Torr. & Gray

Synonyms: none

Family: Onagraceae (evening primrose)

FNAI Ranks: G2/S1S2

Legal Status: US-none FL-none

Wetland Status: US-OBL+ FL-OBL



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Field Description: Spatulate, opposite leaves, leaves and stems with strigulose pubescence, flowers and fruits sessile with 4 sepals and no petals, fruits twice as long as broad. Found in pond margins

Similar Species: Long beach primrosewillow (*Ludwigia brevipes*) occurs on pond shores and in interdunal swales and coastal marshes.

Related Rare Species: Raven's seedbox (*Ludwigia ravenii*) has not been seen in Florida since 1982.

Habitat: Pond margins.

Best Survey Season: Summer.

Range-wide Distribution: Leon, Gadsden, Jackson, and Walton Cos.

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Conservation Status: This species has been collected in 4 northern panhandle counties. Surveys need to be conducted during drought periods to determine status.

Protection and Management: Protect depression wetlands from clearing, filling or other hydrologic change. Allow fire in adjacent habitats to periodically burn into and across wetlands when possible. Eradicate exotic species.

References: Godfrey and Wooten 1981, Wunderlin and Hansen 2011,