

Alligator Weed

Scientific Name:

Alternanthera philoxeroides

Origin:

South America

Habit:

Creeping aquatic to terrestrial groundcover

Distinguishing Features:

- Leaves paired (4-12cm), simple.
- Stems hollow
- Flowers clustered (4cm) on long stems (8cm)
- Often grows in water.

Control Methods:

- Hard to control, can be dug out if area is small and all below ground material is removed as roots are deep (1-2m).
- Prior to hand removal spray with Metsulphuron-methyl (Brush-Off) 1g per 10 l with surfactant of Glyphosate.



Paired leaves (Photo Sheldon Navie)



White flowers, clustered and on stems



Hollow stem (Photo Sheldon Navie)



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