Selaginella ludoviciana - Louisiana spikemoss
Spikemoss Family (Selaginellaceae)

**Rarity Rank:** S1/G3G4

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**Range:** AL, FL, GA, LA, MS

**Recognition:**
- A fern ally, fern allies being vascular plants that reproduce by spores, have leaves with only one vein or no vein and lack leaf stalks
- Low growing terrestrial plant that forms diffuse mats – moss-like
- Stems long-creeping, usually ascending, sparsely branched; stems of the more common *S. apoda* are prostrate
- Leaf margins whitish, while the leaf margins of the more common *S. apoda* are not differentiated from the rest of the leaf
- Leaves subtending sporangia (= sporophylls, which collectively comprise the strobilus or “cone”) very strongly keeled, with keel dentate, sparsely serrate margins and with acuminate apices

**Light Requirement:** Shade

**Wetland Indicator Status:** FACW – usually in wetlands

**Habitat:**
Mesic mixed hardwood-loblolly pine forests and creek banks within this forest type.

**Threats:**
- Habitat conversion to other forest types
- Residential and commercial development

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
- Protect natural mesic forests in the North Shore area

**LA River Basins:** Pearl, Pontchartrain
References:


