Rare Plants of Louisiana

Coreopsis nudata - Georgia tickseed
Sunflower Family (Asteraceae)

**Rarity Rank:** S2/G3?

[State Global Rarity Table]

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

**Recognition:**
- Plants 0.6-1.2 m tall, stems green, glabrous, and young plants can resemble rushes (*Juncus* spp.)
- Leaves alternate, narrow and tapered, gradually reduced in size from base of stem upward
- Ray flowers a showy lavender to pinkish color, 1.5 to 2.5 cm long, 3-lobed apex measuring 8 to 15 mm broad (this is our only pink *Coreopsis*)

**Flowering Time:** April

**Light Requirement:** Part shade to full sun

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

**Habitat:**
*Coreopsis nudata* occurs in wet longleaf pine savannas, particularly where savannas grade into wetter bayhead swamps which occur along drains and in depressions. Roadside ditches are surrogate habitat for the natural setting which is mostly lacking due to dense trees/shrubs which are present by design (pine plantations) or neglect (fire exclusion).

**Threats:**
- Conversion of habitat to pine plantations including practices such as bedding, herbicides, dense tree spacing, etc
- Fire exclusion allowing invasion of habitat by woody species
- Alteration of hydrology by bedding, ditching, and indirectly by fire exclusion

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
- Thinning of timber, which should be done only during very dry periods
- Prescribed burning, establishing a growing season burning regime
- Refrain from bedding and ditching
**LA River Basins:** Pearl, Pontchartrain

*Coreopsis nudata* in a roadside ditch near Abita Springs,


**References:**


