**Chamaesyce bombensis** - sand dune spurge

**Spurge Family (Euphorbiaceae)**

**Rarity Rank:** S1/G4G5

**Range:** Atlantic and Gulf coast states from VA to TX; elsewhere on Gulf and Caribbean beaches

**Recognition:**
- Small prostrate herb with opposite leaves; plants exude milky latex when wounded
- Leaves strictly entire (lacking teeth or serration), glabrous, about 3 times as long as wide, to 15 mm long, leaf bases oblique or rounded
- Style branches thicker than the united portion of the style

**Flowering Time:** June to October

**Light Requirement:** Full sun

**Wetland Indicator Status:** Does not occur in wetlands anywhere in the range.

**Habitat:** Coastal dune grasslands and high energy beaches.

**Threats:**
- Shoreline erosion
- Human degradation of beaches and sand dunes to include trampling and vehicular traffic

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
- Beach nourishment and shoreline protection
- Protect beaches and dunes from vehicles and excessive foot traffic
- Conduct field work to relocate this species as all records are rather old

**LA River Basins:** Pontchartrain, Terrebonne, Mermentau, Calcasieu, Sabine
References:
