Cyperus distinctus - marshland flatsedge
Sedge Family (Cyperaceae)

**Rarity Rank:** S1/G4

**Range:** FL, GA, LA, SC

**Recognition:**
- A stout perennial flatsedge with glabrous, round stems, 40 to 60 cm tall
- Inflorescence of hemispheric heads on 5 to 9 stalks (= rays)
- Achenes three angled, the body linear oblong, about 1.5 to 2 mm long by 0.2 to 0.4 mm wide; achenes perched atop a minute stipe (stalk)
- Achenes narrowed toward the base then becoming swollen with spongy bases

**Flowering Time:** July to October

**Light Requirement:** Full sun

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

**Habitat:**
Louisiana has several known occurrences with very little specific habitat data. One occurrence is from the Bonne Carre Spillway in “low wet areas”. Another collection was from a “wet meadow” at Audubon Park in New Orleans. The most recent record is from a wet ditch between US 11 and I-10 in Orleans Parish near Lake Pontchartrain.

**Threats:**
- Very little basic information on status, habitat preference, and associate species in Louisiana

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
- Needed on-the-ground management actions are unknown
- Review and verify the identification of voucher specimens and conduct field survey work

**LA River Basins:** Pontchartrain
Herbarium specimen of *Cyperus distinctus*. Courtesy of LSU Herbarium.

**References:**


