**Rhynchospora miliacea - millet beakrush**

_Sedge Family (Cyperaceae)_

**Rarity Rank:** S2/G5

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**Range:** Atlantic and Gulf coastal plains from VA to TX

**Recognition:**
- Rhizomatous perennial sedge, up to 1 m tall, and usually occurring in large colonies
- Inflorescences distinctive, consisting of several open spikelet clusters widely spaced on the fertile stem; **branches radiating at right angles from the axis**

**Flowering Time:** September to October

**Light Requirement:** Shade

**Wetland Indicator Status:**
OBL – almost always in wetlands

**Habitat:**
Interior occurrences are in forested seeps; Coastal Zone occurrences are on edges of hammocks and spoil banks in cypress-tupelo swamps.

**Threats:**
- Subsidence and conversion of forested wetland to open wetland or water
- Sedimentation of seepage wetlands

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
- In general, protect remaining coastal forested wetlands and restore hydrological connectivity and sediment supply to abate subsidence
- Avoid impacting soil of forested seeps and follow Best Management Practices with respect to water quality and erosion prevention when harvesting timber near forested seeps
- Thinning of overstocked stands up slope from seepage wetlands

**LA River Basins:**
Calcasieu, Mermentau, Sabine, Terrebonne, Ouachita, Pontchartrain, Vermilion-Teche
References:
