

# Rare Plants of Louisiana



## *Eriochloa punctata* - punctate cupgrass, Louisiana cupgrass Grass Family (Poaceae)

**Rarity Rank:** S2/G5

	1	2	3	4	5
State					
Global					
	imperiled		rare		secure

**Range:** HI (exotic), GA, KS, LA, MD, TX; also tropical America

### Recognition:

- Tufted perennial grass, 0.3 to 1 m tall
- Lower stems often bent at nodes, decumbent and freely branching
- Panicle narrow with many overlapping raceme-like branches
- Nodes pubescent, leaf sheaths glabrous, leaf blades sparsely pubescent basally
- Spikelets paired, lanceolate, 4 to 6 mm long, with apices short-acuminate or acute
- Fertile lemma possesses a stiff scabrous awn-like tip which is 0.6 to 1.5 mm long



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**Flowering Time:** May to September

**Light Requirement:** Full sun

### Wetland Indicator Status:

FACW – usually in wetlands

### Habitat:

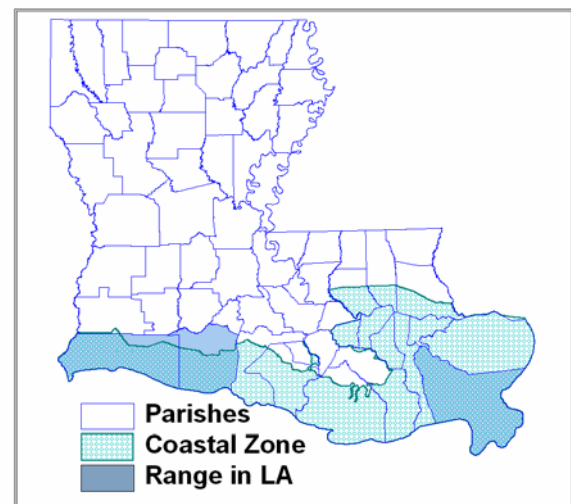
Various wet disturbed areas on the coast with most records being from drainage ditches. There is one record from a coastal prairie in Vermilion Parish.

**Threats:** Unknown

**Beneficial Management Practices:** Unknown

### LA River Basins:

Pontchartrain, Barataria, Vermilion-Teche, Mermentau, Calcasieu, Sabine



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