Rare Plants of Louisiana

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

**Rarity Rank:** S2/G5

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**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

**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

References:


