Monanthochloe littoralis - saltflat-grass
Grass Family (Poaceae)

**Rarity Rank:** S1/G4G5

**Range:** CA, FL, LA, TX (also Mexico and Cuba)

**Recognition:**
- A grayish-green, perennial, low-growing grass forming extensive colonies
- Leaves short, less than 1 cm long, born in remotely spaced fascicles (clusters) on the stem

**Flowering Time:** March to July

**Light Requirement:** Full sun

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

**Habitat:**
- Coastal saline mud flats and salt marshes on bay shores and behind beaches.

**Threats:**
- Shoreline erosion and subsidence
- Hydrological alterations (e.g. canal dredging)
- Contamination by chemicals or industrial discharge

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
- Protect bay shores and Gulf Beaches against erosion

**LA River Basins:** Mermentau, Calcasieu, Sabine
Left: Thick mat of *Monanthochloe littoralis* at East Cameron Jetty, Cameron Parish.

Right: *Monanthochloe littoralis* habitat. Saline mud flat behind beach at East Cameron Jetty, Cameron Parish. Associates include glassworts (*Salicornia* spp.), salt wort (*Batis maritima*), sea blite (*Suada linearis*), and sea lavneder (*Limonium carolinianum*).

References:

