



Cuban bulrush

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Common Name	Cuban bulrush
Genus & Species	<i>Oxycaryum cubense</i>
Family	Cyperacea
Order	Cyperales
Class	

Diagnosis: Leaves of this species are upright, very thin and can reach between 33-110 cm tall. Roots form from stolons and new leaves can sprout from new roots and form thick stands. Inflorescences are grouped in tight clusters forming groups of 1-13 heads.

Ecology: *O. cubense* flowers and forms fruit from spring to fall and is predominantly pollinated by the wind.

Habitat & Distribution: This species can be found forming thick mats along margins of lakes, ponds and streams. These mats can break away and become free-floating. *O. cubense* is native to the West Indies, Central America and South America. Introduced into North America within the Southeast (TX, LA, AL, GA and FL) and has been expanding since introduction.



Status: This species can disperse and reproduce vegetative, by floating or attachment to wildlife and humans.

USGS Fact Sheet: <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=2819>