



marsh dewflower

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Common Name	marsh dewflower
Genus & Species	<i>Murdannia keisak</i>
Family	Commelinaceae
Order	Commelinales
Class	

Diagnosis: This annual plant can be found growing along the ground with alternate linear to oblong shaped leaves. Flowers can be purplish to white, small and found in leaf axils. Flowers are found singularly and with three petals.

Ecology: *M. keisak* flowers in the fall and is predominantly pollinated by insects.

Habitat & Distribution: *M. keisak* can be found in roadside ditches and swales, margins of lakes, swamps, rivers, swamps, bogs and forested floodplains. This species is native to Asia and has been introduced to North America through imported rice in the Southeast and has spread from site of introduction. This species can now be found throughout the Southeast and has spread north to MY. One population has been found in OR.



Status: This species can be found in KY and can be dispersed vegetatively by floating or attachment to wildlife and humans.

USGS Fact Sheet: <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=1102>