

CITRUS WEED SPOTLIGHT

Cotton-weed (*Froelichia floridana*)

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Leaves: opposite, mostly basal;
short-stalked; blades oblong to spatu-
late, 3-12 cm long, woolly beneath
Flowers: white, small, about 5 mm



long, cottony on tall willowy, erect
stems during summer and fall
Fruit: about 5 mm long, thin-
walled, with one or two spiny ridges
Seeds: shiny, about 1.5 mm long
Stems: erect, stiff and hairy
Height: 1.5 to 5 feet tall
Life Cycle: herbaceous annual
Habitat: common in dry, sandy
soils throughout Florida

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Cotton-weed plant



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