

CITRUS WEED SPOTLIGHT

Southern plantain (*Plantago virginica*)

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Life cycle: annual

Plant height: up to 1 foot tall

Leaves: hairy, elliptic, slightly toothed to smooth leaf margins, major longitudinal veins prominent, basal

Flowers: stalk hairy and leafless, hollow and terminates in elongated, densely flowered spikelike heads. Flowers are present in the winter, spring and summer.

Distribution: found throughout Florida in disturbed soils and old fields

Comment: reproduces by seed

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