



Spiderwort, is a perennial herbaceous plant that is native to Florida. Linear leaves are up to 15 inches long and arranged alternately on the stem. Showy blue to violet flowers are borne on long stalks up to 3 ft. tall, catch these in the morning though as the petals fade by the hot afternoon. May bloom from March through September in Florida.

Spiderwort is often found at the edges of woods, moist prairies, disturbed areas and along roadsides. It performs best with moist soils, but persists readily on non-irrigated sites throughout Florida. Several *Tradescantia* sp. are commercially available. Spiderwort is fairly pest resistant and extremely low maintenance.

Blooms are readily visited by pollinators. While this is an easy plant to maintain and enjoy year after year, it can also be a bit difficult to control. It is a regular weed for some in landscapes and pastures!

Growth Form	Herbaceous Perennial
Growth Rate	Moderate
Potential Size	Height: 2-3 ft. Spread: 1-2 ft.
Leaves	Alternate Linear up to 15" Parallel venation Green, glaucous stems
Flowers	Three blue-violet petals Showy yellow stamens Bloom Mar-Sep
Fruit	Three segmented Capsule



Additional Reading

Weed of the Week - Spiderwort: blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/suwanneeco/2018/03/26/weed-of-the-week-spiderwort/

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