

Boehmeria cylindrica



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Small-spike False-nettle, Bo Hemp

Urticaceae

Plant Specifics

Size: 2.5 to 4 ft tall by 1 to 3 ft wide

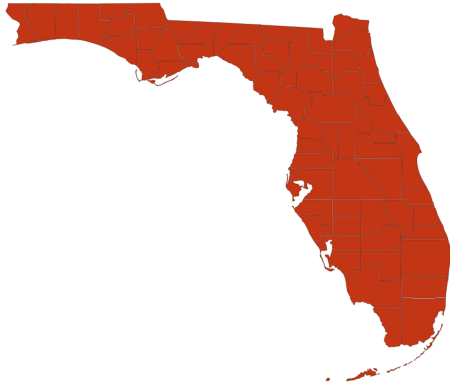
Life Span: Short-lived perennial

Flower Color: Green

Phenology: Winter dormant

Habitats: Cypress swamps, floodplain forests, wet thickets, stream banks, marshes, wet forests, marshy shores, ditches.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

10A 10B 11 8A 8B 9A 9B

Landscaping

Recommended Uses: Ground cover in moist sites in casual setting. Very attractive when young, but becomes somewhat weedy and tall as it matures. Probably better suited for restoration than landscaping.

Light: ☀️ Part Shade, ☁️ Shade

Moisture Tolerance: Aquatic ----- to ----- Usually moist, occasional inundation

Salt Water Flooding Tolerance: Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.

Salt Spray Tolerance: Low/no tolerance of salty wind or direct salt spray

Soil/Substrate: Clay, Loam, Organic material (muck)



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Wildlife



Larval host for several species of moths.

Larval host for red admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*) and eastern comma (*Polytonia comma*) butterflies.