

# *Tripsacum dactyloides*



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## Eastern Gamagrass, Fakahatchee Grass

### *Poaceae (Gramineae)*

#### Plant Specifics

**Size:** 4 to 6 ft tall by 2 to 4 ft wide

**Life Span:** Long-lived perennial

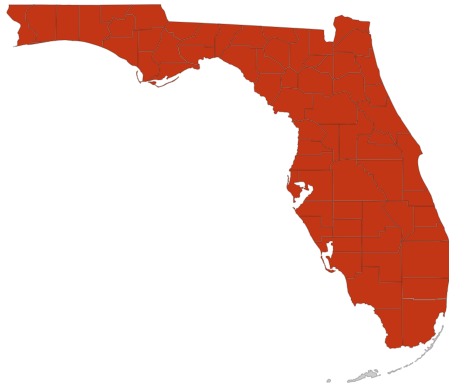
**Flower Color:** Yellow, orange, red

**Fruit Color:** Yellow, brown

**Phenology:** Evergreen. Clump-forming. Blooms spring-fall.

**Habitats:** Wet bogs, roadsides, ditches, wet hammocks, river banks, low thickets, pine woods, open swamps, open habitats, flatwoods, sandhill, scrub. Also cultivated.

#### Natural Range in Florida



#### USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

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

#### Landscaping

**Recommended Uses:** Hedge, individual large grass clump, background screen for a flower garden.

**Light:** ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade

**Moisture Tolerance:** Usually moist, occasional inundation ----- to Not wet but not extremely dry

**Salt Water Flooding Tolerance:** Tolerant of occasional/brief inundation such as can occur in storm surges.

**Salt Spray Tolerance:** Some tolerance to salty wind but not direct spray.

**Soil/Substrate:** Loam, Sand



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## Wildlife



Even when trimmed occasionally, Gama Grass will provide cover for small mammals, birds, and reptiles. Deer eat the seeds.

Larval host for three-spotted skipper (*Cybaeus tripunctus*), clouded skipper (*Lerema accius*) and Byssuskipper (*Problema byssus*) (Minno and Minno, 1999).