

PASPALUM REPENS (Elli.) Kunth
Riverbank Paspalum

FAMILY: Poaceae.

SYNONYMS: *Paspalum mucronatum* Muhl.: *Paspalum fluitans* (Elliott) Kunth.

HABIT: Tufted annual, culms sprawling up to 2 meters long; flowering and fruiting August-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: It is similar to other species in the genus *Paspalum* but has a distinctive inflorescence.

TOTAL RANGE: Widespread in s. U.S., n. on the coastal plain to se. VA and in the Mississippi Valley to w. KY, s. IN, c. IL, and c. MO.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Adams, Clermont, Hamilton, Lawrence, and Scioto counties.

HABITAT: Shallow water or wet muddy soils; margins of temporary pools, riverbanks and riverine woodlands.

HAZARDS: Overgrowth of woody species through succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, possibly good due to its variety of moist habitats.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete, mature specimens.

COMMENTS: Southern Ohio is at the northern boundary of this species. It should be sought in suitable habitats along rivers throughout southern Ohio.

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