Alternanthera philoxeroides

Alligatorweed

General
1. Immersed aquatic plant, brackish waters

Geography and Habitat
1. Native: South America
2. Introduced: California, Gulf Coast, Atlantic Coast from Florida to Delaware, Puerto Rico
3. Climate
    - Withstands 10% sea strength salinity or up to 30% salinity in flowing brackish water
    - Found in estuarine habitats, lakes, riparian zones, wetlands

Invasion Pathways
1. Ship ballast water
2. Transportation of habitat material
3. Dispersed locally via horticulture

Sources
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2. http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=763&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN