



## Cogongrass in Georgia: Spring 2010 Update

### Spring is the time for cogongrass flowering.

Now is the time to begin looking for cogongrass in its flowering stage. The flowers are 2-8 inches in length; light, fluffy dandelion-like seeds that are white in color and cylindrical in shape. Flowering time is dependent on the local climate, but is usually present from late March through early June.



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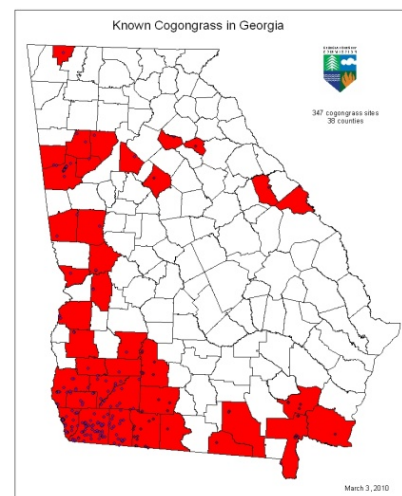
Landowners are encouraged to spend time on their property searching for this invasive grass. Normally, cogongrass grows in circular patches. Identification brochures are available at your local Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) county office. Personnel from your local GFC office can make a positive identification on reported cogongrass finds.

### What is the Status of all known cogongrass spots in Georgia?

There are a total of 355 known cogongrass spots scattered across 38 counties in Georgia. Treatment for each cogongrass spot is at varying levels. The GFC has eradicated some spots while other spots are still being actively treated. The GFC will begin making follow-up site inspections and treatments beginning in May. Any landowner with questions regarding the status of the cogongrass spot(s) on their property should contact their regional forest health specialist.

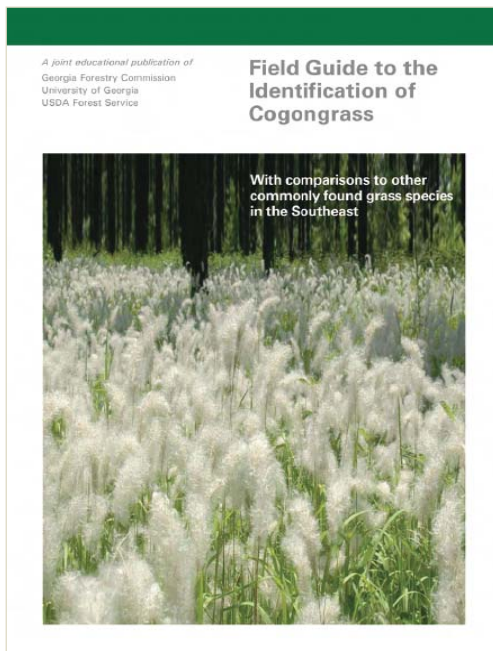
#### List of Georgia Counties with known cogongrass

Baker	9	Decatur	82	Mitchell	12
Barrow	1	DeKalb	1	Muscogee	1
Brantley	4	Dougherty	1	Newton	1
Brooks	1	Douglas	1	Paulding	2
Calhoun	2	Early	22	Randolph	6
Camden	1	Echols	8	Richmond	1
Carroll	31	Grady	26	Seminole	48
Catoosa	1	Haralson	1	Stewart	2
Charlton	12	Lee	1	Talbot	5
Clarke	1	Marion	9	Thomas	16
Clinch	2	McDuffie	1	Troup	3
Cobb	1	Meriwether	1	Worth	9
Colquitt	5	Miller	24		



## Cogongrass identification brochure and pocket ID available from the GFC:

Contact your Regional Forest Health Specialist to obtain copies of the following publications.



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