



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT of  
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**PEST:** Tropical Spiderwort (*Commelina benghalensis*)

**BASIC PROFILE:** TSW is an aggressive, annual / perennial weed that is very difficult to control. It establishes in row crops such as cotton and peanuts and other agronomic situations. TSW flowers are lavender or purple (not blue) and the young leaves often possess noticeable hairs. The plant roots have the ability to produce new plants.

**LDAF ACTIVITY:** LDAF conducts periodic visual surveys for TSW in and adjacent to row crops such as cotton, corn and peanut hay throughout the state. Some nursery inspections also may be done. If found, proper federal and state notifications are made, and Extension recommendations for control and management are sought. For nurseries, tracebacks may be conducted to determine the source or origin of the weed.

