

# ALLIGATOR WEED

*Alternanthera philoxeroides*

Amaranthaceae



Alligator weed beetle

Three agents have been released to attack alligator weed: alligator weed moth and two similar-looking alligator weed beetles. The alligator weed moth (*Arcola malloi*) and one of the alligator weed beetles (*Agasicles hygrophila*) have established well and cause significant damage to the weed on lakes and ponds. The other alligator weed beetle (*Disonycha argentinensis*), which was more suited to terrestrial habitats, failed to establish. Additional agents may be released in future to add further pressure to the weed, especially for terrestrial infestations.