

mi S of Kinder, *Allen* 11327, 19 Sep 1981. This species is native to southeastern Asia; the range other than Louisiana in the United States is from southeastern Virginia to northern Florida (Godfrey & Wooten, 1975). Duplicates are being sent to LAF, LSU, and NLU.

**BOTHRIODCHLOA HYBRIDA** (Gould) Gould (*Andropogon hybrida* Gould). LOUISIANA. Allen Parish: infrequent in pine forest on dry sandy soil between railroad and U.S. 190 ca 4 mi W of Kinder, *Allen* 11187, 25 Jul 1981. The range of this grass other than Louisiana is south-central Texas and northern Mexico (Gould, 1975). Dr. Steven Hatch of Texas A&M University kindly verified a duplicate specimen. Duplicates are also being sent to LAF, LSU, and NLU.

**SCUTELLARIA RACEMOSA** Pers. LOUISIANA. Allen Parish: infrequent in pine forest off U.S. 164 ca 2 mi N of Oberlin, *Allen* 11947, 6 May 1982. This recent introduction into the United States from South America has also been found in the coastal plain of South Carolina, Florida Panhandle, southwestern Georgia, and southeastern Alabama. (Godfrey and Wooten, 1981). Duplicates are being sent to LAF and NLU.—*Charles M. Allen, Division of Sciences, Louisiana State University at Eunice, Eunice, LA 70535.*

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**CYPERACEAE NEW TO TEXAS AND LOUISIANA—ELEOCHARIS VIVIPARA** Link, a caespitose perennial with thin rhizomes, inhabits ditches, depressions, borders of swamps and marshes, and wet clearings. It is frequently confused with *E. montevidensis* Kunth and *E. verrucosa* (Svens.) Harms (*E. tenuis* (Willd.) Schultes var. *verrucosa* (Svens.) Svens.), but can be distinguished from them by its conic-pyramidal tubercle, castaneous basal sheaths, filiform rhizomes, and the presence of viviparous spikelets. It has been previously reported from Virginia south to Florida and west to Mississippi (Radford, et al., 1968; Long and Lakela, 1971; Godfrey and Wooten, 1979). A specimen of *E. vivipara*, new to Texas, was collected in Robertson County: roadside depression on N side of Hwy. 79 ca 0.5 to 1 mi W of the Navasota River, 13 Jun 1982, *Starbuck* 2373 (TAMU).

**SCLERIA LITHOSPERMA** (L.) Sw. has been previously reported from Florida, the Bahama Islands, the West Indies, Mexico, Central and South America, and most tropical regions of Europe, Africa, and Asia (Core, 1936; Long

and Lakela, 1971; Godfrey and Wooten, 1979). Two specimens of *S. lithosperma*, new to Louisiana, have been collected on opposite sides of the state. The collection data are: St. Tammany Parish: open fields in swampy area S of US 190, E of La. 25, N of Covington, Sec. 45T6SR11E, 2 Jun 1976, *Thomas 49285* (NLU); and Sabine Parish: open areas, field and edge of woods, SE of La. 473 at Beaver Creek, NE of Toro, Sec. 46T4NR12W, 7 Jun 1980, *Thomas 71511* (NLU).—James W. Kessler, Tracy Herbarium, Range Science Dept., Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843; Tom Starbuck, Biology Dept., Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.

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*PANICUM SPHAEROCARPON* ELL. VAR. *POLYANTHES* (SCHULTES) A. S. SHERIF (POACEAE) COMB. NOV.—Hitchcock and Chase (1910) proposed the subgenus *Dichanthelium* of the genus *Panicum*. Gould (1974) reduced *P. polyanthes* to a variety of *Dichanthelium*. I prefer to maintain the original circumscription of the genus *Panicum* sen. lat.

*PANICUM SPHAEROCARPON* Ell. var. *POLYANTHES* (Schultes) A. S. Sherif comb. nov.

*Panicum polyanthes* Schultes, Mant. 2:257. 1824.

*Dichanthelium sphaerocarpon* (Ell.) Gould var. *polyanthes* (Schultes) Gould, *Brittonia* 26:60. 1974.

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