To Report a Suspected Infestation

Call 1-334-240-9363
Or e-mail
afc.webmaster@forestry.alabama.gov

Information needed:
• Site Location (City and county, nearest road, mile marker and/or GPS coordinates)
• Approximate size of infestation
• Is it in flower?
• Your contact information

For more information contact your local Alabama Cooperative Extension agent, County forester, NRCS office, or visit www.forestry.alabama.gov

Cogongrass Threatening Alabama

Use this guide to identify and report suspected infestations.

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Alabama Forestry Commission

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Key Identification Features

Leaves
1/2 - 1 inch wide
1 - 6 feet long

Overlapping leaf sheaths

New plants arise from sharp-tipped rhizomes

Stem not apparent
Leaves arise near base

Flower/seedhead
2 - 8 inch long
March to June

Circular infestation, yellow-green color

Segmented rhizomes, dense root mats

Sharp rhizome tips at soil surface, papery scales