

Eastern Lilaeopsis growing under Saltwater Cordgrass





Small, rounded, linear leaves

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white flowers © MARTIN THOMAS

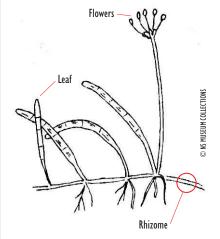


SIZE: Each leaf is 3-5 cm long. LEAVES: Narrow, rounded, and dark green with faint horizontal lines. Each leaf attaches to the stem individually. STEM: Thin, horizontal underground stem (rhizome).

**FLOWERS:** 5-8 small, white, 5-petaled flowers grow at the top of flower stalks that are attached to the stem.

**FRUITS:** Oval to circular with thick lines running along the sides. When the fruit dries it divides into two parts that each contains a seed (schizocarp).

**NOTES:** This plant is semi-aquatic and goes from being submerged to completely exposed during the daily tide cycle. Found only in six estuaries and one estuarine lake in NS.



## Habitat:

The flat, muddy slopes in estuaries and estuarine rivers or lakes.

Interesting point: This species was first discovered in this province by the eminent Harvard University botanist Merritt Fernald. Fernald led botanical expeditions throughout much of southwestern NS in the 1920s and greatly contributed to our knowledge of the flora in this province.

Similar species: None.