

Key to *Rhexia* spp. of Coastal Mississippi

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| 1. Fruits 7-10 mm long. | 2. |
| 2. Stems smooth throughout, or hairy only at the nodes. | 3. |
| 3. Stems smooth throughout; fruits not bristly-hairy. | <i>R. alifanus</i> |
| 3. Stems hairy only at the nodes; fruits bristly-hairy. | <i>R. aristosa</i> |
| 2. Stems hairy throughout. | 4. |
| 4. Stems with gland-tipped hairs. | 5. |
| 5. Stems sometimes slightly winged; fruits sparsely bristly | <i>R. virginica</i> |
| 5. Stems unwinged; fruits very bristly. | <i>R. cubensis</i> |
| 4. Stems without gland-tipped hairs. | 6. |
| 6. fruits sparsely bristly | <i>R. mariana</i> |
| 6. Fruits smooth. | <i>R. nashii</i> |
| 1. Fruits 5-7 mm long. | 7. |
| 7. Stems hirsute; flowers yellow. | <i>R. lutea</i> |
| 7. Stems smooth or soft-hairy, not hirsute; flowers rose, pink, or white. | 8. |
| 8. Stems hairy; fruits smooth; flowers white. | <i>R. parviflora</i> |
| 8. Stems smooth or nearly so; fruits hairy; flowers pink or rose. | 9. |
| 9. Stem somewhat stout, ≥ 15 cm. | <i>R. petiolata</i> |
| 9. Stems slender, < 15 cm long | <i>R. nuttallii</i> |