

Elephantopus spicatus

False elephantsfoot

Elephantopus spicatus Juss ex Aubl.
Syn. *Pseudoelephantopus spicatus*

Family: Asteraceae

Description: Tough herb, erect, to 5 ft tall but usually shorter, creeping rootstock. Leaves 6 inches long by 2 inches wide, margin somewhat sawtoothed, narrow on flowering stalks. Flower heads arranged in clusters along terminal spike, bract narrow, four florets per head, white to lavender. *Spicatus*, bearing a spike⁽⁷⁰⁾.

Distribution: Tropical American origin. On Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i in pastures and waste places in moist to wet zones. First collected in 1935 on O'ahu⁽⁷⁰⁾.

Environmental impact: Displaces forage species in pastures.



Management: Sensitive to picloram and dicamba, moderately so to triclopyr and metsulfuron.