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*Rhexia parviflora* (small-flowered meadowbeauty)

*Rhexia parviflora*, small-flowered meadowbeauty, is a low-growing, perennial herb discovered by Alvin Chapman near Apalachicola, Florida, in 1896. The small-flowered meadowbeauty is endemic to eight counties in the Florida panhandle, three counties in southern Alabama and one county in Georgia. The majority of populations are found in ecotonal areas between depression ponds and the adjacent longleaf pine savannas. Urban development, timbering, and inadequate fire management, i.e., fire suppression, are the main pressures reducing or eliminating individual populations. To help accomplish the long-term preservation of *R. parviflora*, known sites should be frequently monitored in the field to acquire a greater understanding of population dynamics, particularly in relation to fire. Recent surveys on managed land indicated that the small-flowered meadowbeauty is relatively stable.