Sisyrinchium iridifolium

Scientific Name
Sisyrinchium iridifolium Kunth

Synonyms
Sisyrinchium bermudiana L. (misapplied)
Sisyrinchium micranthum Cav. (misapplied)

Family
Iridaceae

Common Names
blue eyed grass, blue pig-root, blue pigroot, blue-eyed grass, purple eyed grass, purple-eyed grass, spreading blue-eyed grass, striped rush leaf, striped rush-leaf

Origin
Native to South America.

Naturalised Distribution
Widely naturalised in southern and eastern Australia (i.e. in south-eastern Queensland, some parts of eastern New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, south-eastern South Australia and south-western Western Australia).

Also naturalised in New Zealand and south-eastern USA (i.e. Texas and Louisiana).

Notes
Blue pigroot (Sisyrinchium iridifolium) is regarded as an environmental weed in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.
close-up of the flowers of annual blue-eyed grass, Sisyrinchium rosulatum (Photo: Trevor James)

the yellow-flowered form of annual blue-eyed grass, Sisyrinchium rosulatum (Photo: Sheldon Navie)

fruit of the yellow-flowered form of annual blue-eyed grass, Sisyrinchium rosulatum (Photo: Sheldon Navie)