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## MOUSE-EAR CHICKWEED

*Cerastium vulgatum*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This spreading, mat-forming perennial prominently features hairy, prostrate stems.
- ▶ Its small white flowers have five notched petals that bloom in late spring.
- ▶ Leaves are noticeably hairy or fuzzy, long and narrow, and grow opposite; like the weed's common name, they resemble mouse ears.
- ▶ Commonly found in lawns, pastures and cultivated fields, mouse-ear chickweed spreads by seed, but can root at the nodes.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Preventive practices can discourage infestation. Improve soil drainage and decrease shade if possible.
- ▶ Nitrogen fertility, liming and aeration will encourage a dense stand of turf, minimizing potential for mouse-ear chickweed establishment.
- ▶ Apply a pre-emergent broadleaf herbicide such as isoxaben prior to germination.



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## ANNUAL BLUEGRASS

*Poa annua*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This erect, or clump-forming, annual grass tolerates close mowing.
- ▶ It is light green in color, especially compared to the dark green of related turfgrasses.
- ▶ Leaves are keeled, and feature a distinctive boat-shaped tip.
- ▶ Once soil temperatures fall below 70° Fahrenheit, germination of *Poa annua* will begin.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Develop a dense, healthy turf to reduce sunlight at the soil surface.
- ▶ Keep soil phosphorous levels in the low-to-medium range.
- ▶ Cultural practices can reduce *Poa annua*, but herbicides are needed for superior control.
- ▶ *Poa annua* produces most of its seedheads in the spring. Apply a pre-emergent grass herbicide, such as dithiopyr, prior to germination of seedlings.

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