

WEEDWATCH

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COMMON SOWTHISTLE

Sonchus oleraceus

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This annual is hard to distinguish from perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*) because both species are tall weeds with yellow, dandelion-like flowers and stems that produce a milky sap.
- ▶ Common sowthistle has a taproot and reproduces only by seed.
- ▶ Leaves are bluish-green alternate, clasping the stem with prominent, rounded spiny lobes.
- ▶ Bright yellow flowers bloom from June through August and turn into

white “puffballs” similar to dandelions.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Identify whether you have annual or perennial sowthistle. Herbicides registered for control of one form of sowthistle may not control the other. Check the label carefully.
- ▶ Clopyralid controls both annual and perennial sowthistle.
- ▶ Tillage and low mowing help control annual sowthistle.



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BROADLEAF PLANTAIN

Plantago major

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This plant has a short, thick taproot that forms a rosette of leaves that lay flat to the ground.
- ▶ The broad, oval-shaped leaves have three to five prominent parallel veins, and are attached to the root system by a fibrous, celery-shaped petiole.
- ▶ Flowers appear on leafless, unbranched stalks that originate from the base of the plant.
- ▶ It adapts well to most sites — including dry or wet conditions, heavy soils and very low mowing heights.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ This species typically requires repeat applications of triclopyr or two- or three-way mixtures of 2,4-D containing products.
- ▶ Helpful turf management practices include conducting soil aeration, avoiding overwatering, and using the proper mower cutting height for each turf species.
- ▶ Once under control, dense stands of turf and ornamentals will shade the soil surface — making establishment of new plantain seedlings more difficult.

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