



ANNUAL LESPEDEZA

Lespedeza striata

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- Summer annual features small, inconspicuous purple flowers and three slender oval leaves per node, with pronounced and pinnate veins. Hairs on stems point down.
- Grows all summer and blooms from August through October.
- Prostrate in structure, it thrives in areas where turf is thin. It grows so close to the ground that it is rarely cut with a mower.

CONTROL TIPS

- In early spring, apply a pre-emergent herbicide labeled for lespedeza control.
- Maintain a dense, actively growing turf through proper mowing, fertilizing and watering practices.
- If you use a post-emergent herbicide, it is best to apply in late spring or early summer to allow the turfgrass a greater chance to fill in areas previously occupied by this weed.



KYLLINGA

Cyperus brevifolius

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- Dark-green, narrow, ridged leaves have a shiny, grass-like appearance.
- Tightly bunched round seed heads sit on spikes.
- Flowers bloom from May to October on three-sided triangular stems.
- This perennial plant forms dense mats, and thrives with low mowing — preferring wet, poorly drained soils.

CONTROL TIPS

- Control soil moisture, because excessive moisture encourages growth and germination.
- Low, routine mowing heights reduce its persistence.
- Make multiple post-emergent applications of an arsonate herbicide like MSMA, or sulfonyleurea-type herbicides like halo-sulfuron or penoxsulam.

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