**WEEDWATCH**

STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH

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**KIKUYUGRASS**

*Pennisetum clandestinum*

**IDENTIFICATION TIPS**
- This aggressive perennial grass is adapted to warm, temperate climates.
- The prostrate plant spreads by producing a network of thick, fleshy stems that can form a thick mat above the soil.
- Its leaves are folded in the bud. The ligule is a fringe of hairs, and there are no auricles.
- Growth begins in late spring, and a rapid growth rate continues through summer and into fall.
- Carbohydrates, stored in the stems, can be used for regrowth after cultivation.

**CONTROL TIPS**
- Clean up the infested area with a product containing triclopyr. Multiple applications four to six weeks apart may be required.
- Clean mowing equipment to remove any seeds or stem sections before taking equipment from an infested site, as it is easily spread.
- Dense turfgrass and mulched ornamental areas block out sunlight and reduce the vigor of kikuyugrass.

**COMMON LESPEDEZA**

*Lespedeza striata*

**IDENTIFICATION TIPS**
- This prostrate, free-branched summer annual features inconspicuous purplish flowers.
- Leaves are trifoliate, with lance-shaped stipules and hairs along the leaf margins.
- Small single flowers grow from the leaf axils on most of the nodes on the main stems.
- Commonly found on soils with low fertility, it grows close to the ground in thin turf and dry, compacted areas.

**CONTROL TIPS**
- One of the best control options for this summer annual is to keep it from germinating. In spring, apply a pre-emergent herbicide labeled for control of common lespedeza. A product containing dichlopyr will control your grassy weeds, as well as lespedeza and many other broadleaf weeds.
- If turf is thin or compacted, alleviate compaction, raise your mowing height, and keep the soil’s pH and fertility levels within appropriate guidelines for your turf.

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