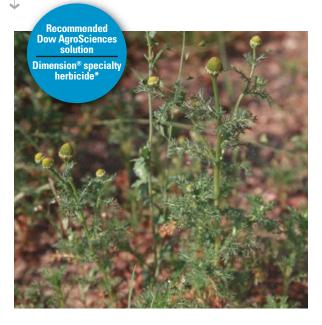
WEEDWATCH

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PINEAPPLEWEED

Matricaria matricarioides

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- Also known as wild chamomile, this summer or winter annual is commonly found in landscapes and turf, as well as compacted areas like walkways.
- > Its finely dissected leaves emit a pineapplelike scent when crushed.
- > This low-growing plant has a bushy appearance, with smooth, branched stems and alternating, hairless leaves.
- > Greenish-yellow, coneshaped flowers grow at the ends of the stems on short flower stalks.

> Pineapple weed spreads by seed.

CONTROL TIPS

- > Hoe or hand-pull any existing plants prior to bloom. This plant reproduces only by seeds that are released from the fruit at maturity. Apply a preemergent herbicide once the area has been cleared and soil has settled from rainfall or irrigation.
- In spring or late fall, apply a preemergent herbicide labeled for its control.



AMERICAN BURNWEED

Erechtites hieracifolia

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- > This rapid-growing, erect, summer annual is known for its alternate, sharp-pointed leaves with toothed margins.
- > Common in cultivated areas, American burnweed tolerates moderate shade, but requires moist, well-drained soil.
- > Small white or greenish flowers grow in open, terminal clusters. When plants mature, the flowers go to seed, resembling dandelion puffs.

> Seeds have parachutes attached that aid in wind dispersal and take root in a lawn's thatch layer.

CONTROL TIPS

- Its seeds have the ability to germinate in thatch, which makes the use of preemergent herbicides somewhat problematic. Lowering your mowing height below the growing point of the plant is one method of control.
- Apply a postemergent herbicide, labeled for your use site.

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