WEEDWATCH
STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH

WILD GARLIC
Allium vineale

IDENTIFICATION TIPS
 › This perennial grows from bulblets that emit a strong garlic or onion smell when crushed.
 › Its seedlings resemble those of a grass but have hollow, round leaves that grow from a bulb.
 › The only stems that occur are flowering stems—slender, solid, waxy and unbranched.
 › Small, greenish-white flowers grow from the tops of the flowering stems.
 › Smaller bulblets and fibrous roots may form at the base of the bulbs.

CONTROL TIPS
 › Wild garlic is difficult to eradicate because several bulblets will sprout and grow at different times from the same plant. In actively growing turf areas, sequential applications of two- or three-way herbicides containing 2,4-D applied in the winter and very early spring will provide control. Additional treatments the following year may be needed.
 › In completely dormant bermudagrass or in non-crop areas, a glyphosate product can provide control when applied twice in the winter months.

THREEFLOWER DWARF BEGGARWEED
Desmodium triflorum

IDENTIFICATION TIPS
 › This perennial has leaves with three small, heart-shaped leaflets.
 › It propagates through seeds and stolons. The prostrate hairy stems root at nodes.
 › It flowers in warm months. Flowers are blue or purplish pink.
 › Its close relative, creeping beggarweed (Desmodium canuum), has leaves with three leaflets that vary in size and are elliptic, pointed at the tip and rounded at base. Canuum also has hairy stems ascending to erect. Flowers are pink to rose color. It can propagate through seed, stolons or broken taproot.

CONTROL TIPS
 › To minimize the establishment and spread of both Desmodium species, maintain a lush lawn with proper mow height, fertility and water management.
 › Repeat applications—either pre- or post-bloom—of a product containing triclopyr and clopyralid are recommended.

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