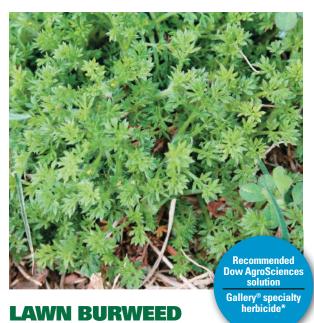
WEEDWATCH

STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH



Soliva sessilis

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- > This low-growing, freely branched, winter annual germinates when temperatures begin to cool.
- > This weed reproduces by seed. In early spring, it begins to grow rapidly, forming spine-tipped burs in the leaf axis.
- It has opposite, sparsely hairy leaves, twice divided into narrow segments, or lobes. Small flowers bloom in the spring.
- Its burs are often hard to see, but easily felt.

CONTROL TIPS

- Maintain a healthy lawn by fertilizing and mowing at the proper height and frequency. Healthy grass can outcompete burweed for light, water and nutrients to reduce the level of infestation.
- > Once this weed develops its burs, it is difficult to control and may need multiple applications of a post-emergent herbicide.
- Apply a labeled preemergence herbicide in the fall, before burweed germinates. Activate with 0.5 in. of rainfall or irrigation.



HORSEWEED

Conyza canadensis

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- Also known as marestail, this winter or summer annual can reach 6 ft. tall.
- > Seedlings develop a basal rosette; young leaves are egg-shaped with toothed margins.
- Mature plants' leaves are entirely without petioles. They are alternate with entirely or slightly toothed margins.
- > White, pink or yellow inconspicuous flower heads occur at the top central stem of this prolific seed producer.

CONTROL TIPS

- > Glyphosate- and ALSresistant biotypes of this species have been confirmed in the United States, and are spreading across the country.
- As an annual weed that can produce more than 200,000 seeds per plant, pre-emergence herbicides may provide the best option for control—and will limit the spread of the resistant biotypes.
- Make a fall and early spring application of an appropriately labeled preemergent herbicide.

For more information regarding these and other turf weeds — and related control technologies and tips — please visit www.DowProvesIt.com or call 800/255-3726.



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