

WEEDWATCH

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LARGE CRABGRASS

Digitaria sanguinalis

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This light green, bunch-type grass features seed-head spikelets in two to nine finger-like branches along the stalk.
- ▶ The summer annual germinates when soil temperatures reach a consistent 55°F.
- ▶ Leaves are rolled in the bud, and the collar is broad with long hairs.
- ▶ Its tall, membranous ligule has jagged edges and no auricles.
- ▶ It grows under close mowing, and prefers open areas with thin turfgrass.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ When soil temperatures reach 55°F in the spring, apply a pre-emergence crabgrass herbicide. If you have missed the pre-emergent timing, you can apply an herbicide labeled for post-emergent control.
- ▶ Look for the active ingredient dithiopyr, which provides season-long pre- and early post-emergence control of crabgrass. There are several liquid, granular or fertilizer granule options.
- ▶ Consult the appropriate product label for recommended rates for your area, as well as for re-seeding and overseeding.

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TROPICAL SIGNALGRASS

Urochloa subquadrifera

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ Commonly mistaken for bull paspalum or crabgrass, this blanket-like grass has relatively long spikelets, 3.5mm to 4mm. Crabgrass spikelets are narrower and not more than 3mm long.
- ▶ It roots from the nodes and has more papery leaves, compared with the soft leaves of crabgrass.
- ▶ The seedhead consists of modified racemes that emerge at right angles to the stem, spaced much like the signal flags used on ships.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Once established in turf situations, this grassy weed is extremely difficult to control. Few, if any post-emergent herbicides are effective in selectively removing this species in warm-season turf, where it is commonly found.
- ▶ Several pre-emergent herbicides, such as dithiopyr, prodiamine, oryzalin, benefin + oryzalin or benefin + trifluralin, have demonstrated good to excellent pre-emergent control of this species.

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