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PURPLE DEADNETTLE

Lamium purpureum

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ With square stems and purple-red flowers, this winter annual closely resembles henbit (*Lamium amplexicaule*).
- ▶ Opposite leaves with pointed tips often have a purple tinge. Leaves grow on short or long petioles dependent on where the leaf is located on the plant—unlike henbit, where leaves lack petioles.
- ▶ Purple-red flowers grow in clusters of three to six in the upper leaves.
- ▶ Deadnettle, a member of the mint family, reproduces by seed.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Purple deadnettle germinates in the fall and flowers in the spring. It thrives in thin turf and moist, shady sites.
- ▶ Dense, lush turf is the best way to reduce spread and encroachment of winter annuals. Properly mow, fertilize and water in spring and summer to minimize thin turf areas.
- ▶ Apply a preemergent herbicide containing dithiopyr prior to germination in the fall.



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HENBIT

Lamium amplexicaule

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This member of the mint family, from the same genus as purple deadnettle, features a square stem.
- ▶ Commonly confused with deadnettle, henbit leaves are also opposite—but circular to heart-shaped, without petioles for attachment but with clasping leaves on the petiole.
- ▶ Pink to purple flowers grow in whorls in the upper leaves without petioles.

- ▶ Primarily found in turfgrass and landscapes, henbit prefers thin, nutrient-rich soil.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Henbit germinates in the fall, reproducing by seed and flowers in spring.
- ▶ Dense, lush turf is the best way to reduce spread and encroachment of winter annuals. Properly mow, fertilize and water in spring and summer to minimize thin turf areas.
- ▶ Apply a preemergent herbicide containing isoxaben prior to germination in the fall.

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