WEEDWATCH
STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH

SLENDER ASTER
_Eurybia compacta_

**IDENTIFICATION TIPS**
› This herbaceous annual weed is commonly found in the southeastern U.S. along the coastal plains in dry, sandy soils.
› It’s a small, erect plant with several stems and a thick, woody base. Left untreated, slender aster can grow 1 to 3 ft. tall.
› Thick, veined leaves alternate along the stems.
› Pale violet to reddish-purple ray florets with pale yellow centers emerge from mid-summer to early fall.
› This spring/summer weed grows in warmer temperatures and easily camouflages itself in lawns and fields, hiding under taller, more aggressive grasses.

**CONTROL TIPS**
› Its flowers produce tiny seeds, dispersed by wind and water throughout the grass, so it’s essential to control this weed before it flowers and goes to seed.
› Apply a preemergent herbicide containing isoxaben or a combination product of isoxaben and trifluralin in early spring, before soil temperatures are warm enough to initiate germination.

ENGLISH LAWN DAISY
_Bellis perennis_

**IDENTIFICATION TIPS**
› This fibrous rooted perennial has a prostrate, spreading growth habit. Because it spreads through a rapidly advancing rhizome system, it has the potential to root and produce new plants at each node along individual rhizomes.
› Its basal leaves are nearly smooth, loosely hairy and margined or variably toothed. They are broad at the top and narrow at the base.
› Flower heads consist of tiny white or pink petals surrounding a yellow center; the flower stalks generally exceed the leaves in length.
› In California, seedlings germinate from April through September.

**CONTROL TIPS**
› Postemergent applications of products containing penoxsulam should be applied in late summer to early fall.
› To optimize control of English lawn daisy, make two to three sequential applications 28 days apart.

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