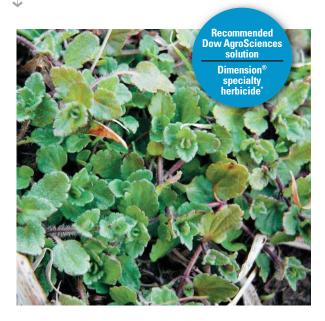
WEEDWATCH

STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH



CORN SPEEDWELL

Veronica arvensis

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- > This low-growing winter annual thrives in open turf and often appears in solid stands.
- It has small lower leaves that are rounded and toothed; the upper leaves are pointed.
- The plant, which is entirely covered in fine hairs, grows small bright blue flowers with white throats.
- > A distinctive heartshaped seedpod grows below the flowers.
- > Corn speedwell does not typically last long after

flowering, and cannot live in high temperatures.

CONTROL TIPS

- > Increase turfgrass density and minimize open turf areas with proper fertilization, mowing and irrigation.
- Decause winter annuals germinate in the fall, treat this weed prior to germination in late summer or early fall with a preemergent herbicide containing dithiopyr.
- If speedwell is established, treat early stages of growth with a product containing clopyralid or triclopyr.



WILD VIOLET

Viola spp.

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- > This low-growing, clumping perennial can reach heights of up to 5 in. It grows from a dense, fibrous root system.
- > Small, pansy-like flowers feature five blue-violet, lilac or white petals.
- > Heart-shaped leaves with scalloped edges are often cupped toward the petiole to form a funnel shape.
- > It's most often found in cool, shady, moist, fertile soil.

CONTROL TIPS

> Wild violet is difficult

- to control because of its aggressive growth, waxy leaves and resistance to many herbicides.
- Apply a postemergent broadleaf herbicide as soon as violets reach the two-leaf growth stage.

 Repeat applications may be necessary if the violets are well established.
- In turfgrass and sites labeled for use, apply a postemergent herbicide containing triclopyr, either alone or in two- and three-way combinations with other broadleaf herbicides.
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