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## COMMON DANDELION

*Taraxacum officinale*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This perennial overwinters as a small rosette of leaves. Seedlings grow from a taproot, and begin to emerge in early spring when soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F.
- ▶ Solitary, bright yellow blossoms grow on the end of leafless, hollow stalks that emit a white milky sap when broken.
- ▶ It produces a puffball seedhead shortly after mowing, and seeds are easily dispersed by wind.
- ▶ Dandelions prefer moist conditions and soils but thrive in weak, thin turf.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ For early-season control of weeds that overwintered, apply a labeled, postemergent herbicide to turf early in the spring when temperatures are still cool.
- ▶ Properly mow, water and fertilize lawns to encourage healthy growth and minimize thin turf.
- ▶ Florasulam can be applied when the first fertilizer and liquid preemergent applications of the season are made.



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## RED CLOVER

*Trifolium pratense*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This cool-season, perennial legume grows from a fibrous root system and is found across the U.S.
- ▶ Stiff, hairy stems root at the nodes, causing this weed to grow erect.
- ▶ Each leaf consists of three elliptical leaflets, with a light green or white V-shaped watermark.
- ▶ Round pink to purple flower heads, made up of many small flowers, grow on flower stalks.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ As with any turfgrass weed, proper cultural maintenance of the lawn will greatly reduce the prevalence and presence of this weed. Properly mow, fertilize and water lawns to encourage healthy turf.
- ▶ When red clover is actively growing, apply a postemergent, systemic herbicide that will move from the treated foliage throughout the plant and into the extensive root system to completely control this weed—roots and all.

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