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## CALIFORNIA BURCLOVER

*Medicago polymorpha*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This annual low-growing weed is common in thin turf with low nitrogen levels.
- ▶ It contains three oblong, hairless leaflets with miniscule teeth along the edges. The center leaflet is on its own petiole.
- ▶ Its inflorescence is a cluster of yellow flowers, similar to small hop clover (*Trifolium dubium*).
- ▶ Burclover reproduces by seeds from "burred" seed-pods, as well as spreading prostrate stolons, which allow the weed to tolerate close mowing.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Mechanical removal is not recommended, as stolons may break and sprout, increasing the infestation.
- ▶ Clean up any existing burclover with a postemergent application of a product containing clopyralid or triclopyr. Apply a preemergent herbicide containing isoxaben in early fall or any time prior to germination, or immediately after cultivation.
- ▶ Also, consider adjusting your fertility program to include more nitrogen and less phosphorus.

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## FALSE DANDELION

*Hypochoeris radicata*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ Also known as hairy cat's ear, this perennial weed closely resembles common dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*).
- ▶ Leaves are arranged in a basal rosette and are densely hairy with toothed or irregularly lobed margins. This is in contrast to common dandelion, which has highly divided, hairless leaves.
- ▶ Leafless flower stalks are present, with two to seven yellow ray flowers on each stalk. Leaves and

flower stalks emit a milky sap when broken.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ As with any turfgrass weed, proper cultural maintenance of the lawn will greatly reduce false dandelion's prevalence and presence. Properly mow, fertilize and water the lawn to encourage healthy turf.
- ▶ When false dandelion is actively growing, apply a postemergent systemic herbicide such as florasulam that will move from the treated foliage throughout the plant and into the extensive root system.

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