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MATCHWEED
Lippia nodiflora

IDENTIFICATION TIPS
› This mat-forming perennial is commonly found south of the transition zone and along coastal areas.
› Opposite leaves with small teeth at the outer tip grow on hairy branching stems. Its stem is angular and rigid when rolled between the fingers.
› Purple to white flowers emerge around the tip of a brown seed stalk, forming a “match head” appearance.
› Matchweed spreads by seeds and stolons along prostrate stems.

CONTROL TIPS
› For optimum control, use a selective postemergent herbicide containing triclopyr and clopyralid when matchweed is in the four leaf to flower stage of growth.
› Maintain a healthy lawn by fertilizing and mowing at the proper height and frequency. Healthy grass can outcompete matchweed for light, water and nutrients to reduce the population.
› Matchweed prefers low, moist areas. Improve aeration to prevent infestations.

COMMON BURDOCK
Arctium minus

IDENTIFICATION TIPS
› Also known as wild rhubarb, this biennial weed reproduces by seed.
› Seedlings emerge in early spring. The light-green, fleshy leaves are oval and slightly notched at the tips.
› In the second year, plants emerge from the root and can grow as tall as 10 feet.
› Adult leaves are triangular and coarsely veined. The upper surface is green and covered with stiff, straight hairs. The lower surface is whitish and woolly.
› A branched flower stalk emerges from the center of the rosette. A corolla of rose-purple flowers covered in slender-hooked bracts form at the top of the stalks in late spring to mid-summer.

CONTROL TIPS
› Postemergent herbicides containing pentoxysulam are most effective when applied in the first year during the rosette stage.
› Hand-pulling or digging can be an effective control method for small infestations if conducted prior to seed production.

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