WEEDWATCH

STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH



CHICORY

Cichorium intybus

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- > This summer perennial develops from a basal rosette. While it looks similar to dandelion in the rosette form, its leaf lobes are not opposite.
- > Bright blue to purple, square-toothed flowers form on stems that can grow up to 3 ft. tall. When cut, stems produce a milky liquid.
- > Each plant can produce up to 3,000 seeds from June through September.

It is most troublesome in disturbed areas and thrives in thinner turf, but it can be found in newly established turf.

CONTROL TIPS

- > Properly mow, water and fertilize lawn to encourage healthy turfgrass growth, and inhibit the spread of chicory.
- > When chicory is in the rosette stage, apply a systemic post-emergent herbicide, labeled for chicory control and your use site.



DANDELION

Taraxacum officinale

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- This perennial grows all summer in moist conditions and soils, but thrives in weak, thin turf.
- > Bright yellow blossoms have many petals, followed by puffball seed carriers.
- > Long, hairless leaves have jagged teeth growing from a low rosette.
- > Leafless, hollow stems emit a white milky sap when broken.

CONTROL TIPS

- A post-emergent application of two-, three- or four-way broadleaf herbicides is most effective in spring or fall.
- > Properly mow, water and fertilize lawn to encourage healthy turf growth and minimize thin turf.
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