

Turfgrass Weed Management

Golf's Most Common Weed-Control Challenges

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There are many answers to the question, "What is a weed?" but perhaps the most specific was offered by R.J. Aldrich:

"A weed is a plant that originated in a natural environment and, in response to imposed or natural environments, evolved, and continues to do so, as an interfering associate with our crops and activities" - R. J. Aldrich. 1984. "Weed Crop Ecology: Principles in Weed Management"

When applied to golf courses, the definition offered by Aldrich communicates that weeds not only hamper aesthetic and functional turfgrass quality, but also that they are a product of both the natural growing environment and imposed maintenance practices. Successful weed-control strategies need to address both of these parameters to be effective for a sustained period of time. [Read More](#)

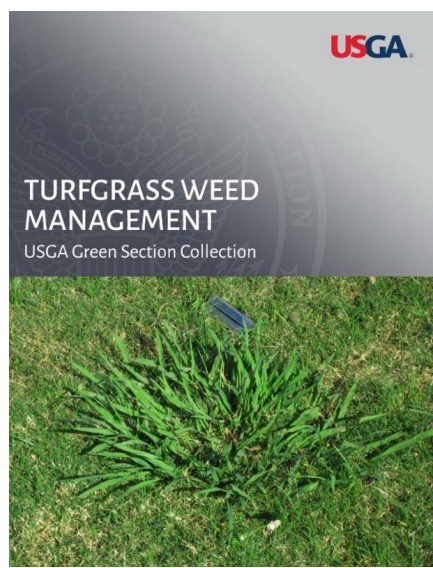


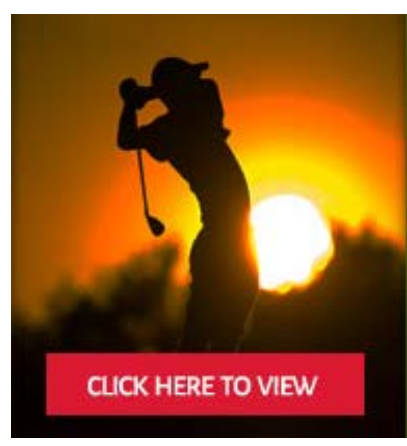
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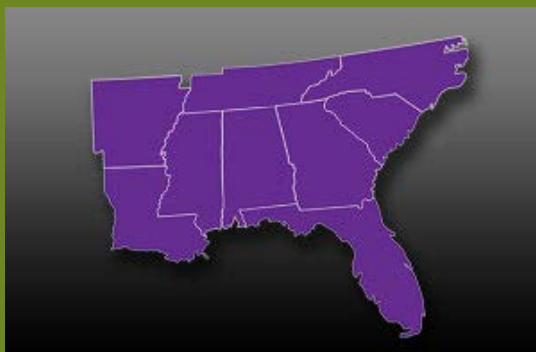
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