

# WEEDWATCH

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## GOOSEGRASS

*Eleusine indica*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This annual emerges a few weeks after crabgrass, and continues well into the summer.
- ▶ The coarse, bunch-type grass features dark green leaves that form a basal rosette of prostrate to upright flattened stems.
- ▶ Compressed stems near the base are silver or white in color.
- ▶ Flowers contain two to 10 flattened, finger-like spikes that resemble a zipper.
- ▶ The strong, extensive root system invades high-

traffic areas like athletic fields or golf courses.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Improving turfgrass health and vigor through proper fertilization and maintenance is most advantageous.
- ▶ If possible, alleviate compaction and minimize traffic. For complete control, apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as dithiopyr just prior to crabgrass germination. This timing will provide season-long control of both crabgrass and goosegrass.



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## SPURGE

*Euphorbia* spp. (pictured: *E. maculata*)

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ Red- or purple-tinged stems and opposite leaves are common. All species emit milky sap when broken.
- ▶ Oblong leaves are smooth or sparsely hairy, reddish green to dark green in color — often with a maroon or purple spot in the center.
- ▶ The prostrate structure forms mats by branching from the base.
- ▶ This warm-season annual is found in disturbed soil, such as gardens and flower beds, along

sidewalks, and in open turf areas.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Spurge plants are prolific seed producers. Apply a spring treatment of a pre-emergent herbicide that offers residual broadleaf weed control, such as dithiopyr.
- ▶ Spurge germination is prominent in compacted soils, so alleviating compaction, or the reasons behind compaction (such as poor drainage or nematode infestations) will help keep spurge infestations from occurring.

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