

# **WANTED WEED!**



## **CRAB GRASS**

*Aliases: crowfoot grass, finger grass,  
pigeon grass, polish millet*

**WEED ON SITE!**

## **WANTED FOR INVADING VEGGIE BEDS**

### **☞ Crab Grass**

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pigeon grass, polish millet*

★ *This super-fast-growing annual bad guy plagues veggie gardens in nearly every U.S. state and southern Canada.*

*This villain lurks in the garden and waits for warm days to sprout, dodging spring weeding and mulching routines. ★*



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## DANDELION

*Aliases: lion's tooth, blowball, cankerwort*

## WEED ON SITE!

## WANTED FOR PUBLIC TRICKERY

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 *Dandelion*

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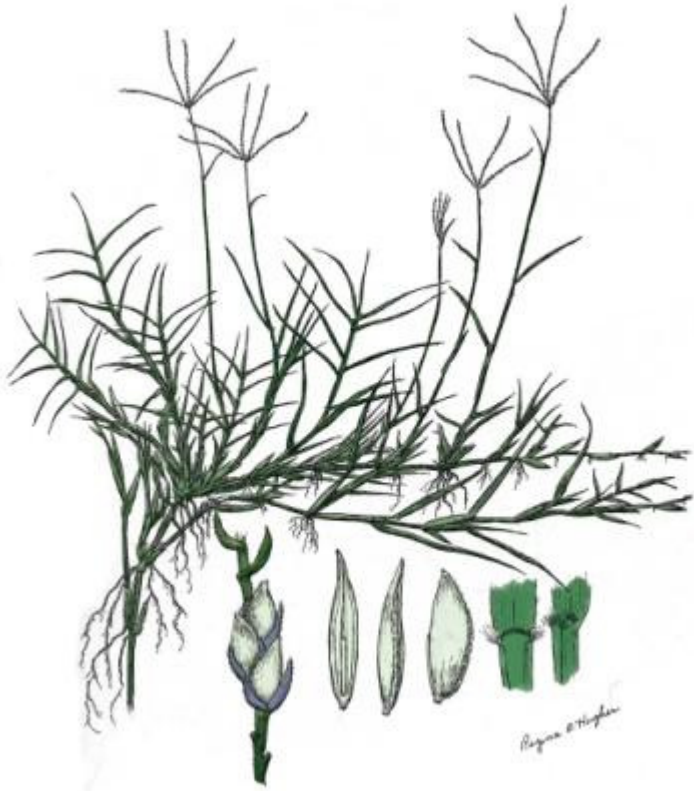
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*Be Alert! Wishes made while blowing all of the seeds off a dandelion are not guaranteed to come true.*

*This weed's friends say it gives them tender young leaves for salad, and roots can be used for vinegar, even a coffee substitute.*

*This trickster has a thick foot-long taproot that makes it hard to remove.*

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## BERMUDA GRASS

*Aliases: wire grass, scutch grass, devil grass*

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## WANTED FOR POISONING PERRENIALS



*Bermuda Grass*

*Aliases: wire grass, scutch grass, devil  
grass*

*This wiry rascal is incredibly difficult to kill, and its roots give off chemicals that harm other plants!*

*This killer moves fast in warm weather. A single sprig can expand to a 10-foot-wide plant in just a few weeks. The grass sprouts from rhizomes --pieces of root that break off if you try to dig out the plants.*

**DO NOT TILL!**



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## BINDWEED


*Aliases: woodbine, lady's nightcap, wild morning glory, creeping Jenny, hedge bells, possession vine*

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## WANTED FOR

## POTATO IMPERSONATION

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 Bindweed

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Don't let the pretty purple flowers fool you. Though Bindweed is a cousin to the sweet potato, there's nothing sweet about it. It can sprout and resprout wide, spreading roots as deep as 30 feet underground!

The seeds can stay viable for up to 50 years! Halt this interloper by digging out the shoots when they first appear, and keep pulling.



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## CHICKWEED

*Aliases: starweed, satin flower, tongue grass,  
passerina, clucken wort, skirt button*

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## WANTED FOR

## OBSTINATE REFUSAL TO DIE

 **Chickweed**

*Aliases: starweed, satin flower, tongue grass,  
passerina, clucken wort, skirt button*

*Like the Dandelion, Chickweed's friends say it's not a dirty low-down good-for-nuthin' weed. It's an edible green for people and poultry alike -- ducks and chickens love it -- hence the name.*

**BEWARE** even if you pull it up, it will not simply die. Throw it away in garbage bags and keep on the lookout for more.

**DO NOT COMPOST!**



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## CANADA THISTLE

*Aliases: creeping thistle, small-flowered thistle,  
green thistle*

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# WANTED FOR BEIN PRICKLY

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 **Canada Thistle**

*Aliases: creeping thistle, small-flowered thistle,  
green thistle*

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*Arm yourself with heavy leather gloves before  
taking on this weed. It is armed with prickers  
and very dangerous.*

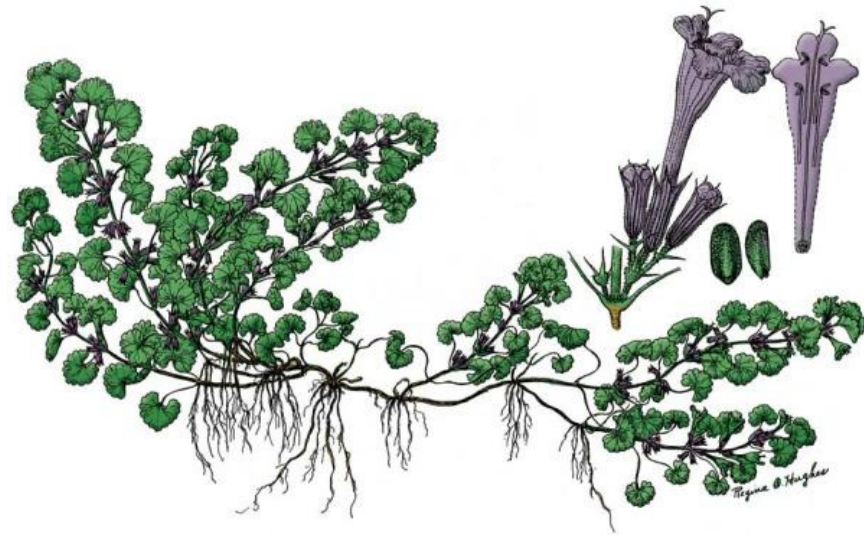
*Some folks fight this purple prickly pest by  
chopping it down and pouring vinegar and  
salt on the roots. Vinegar can kill lots of  
different plants, so be careful not to let it get  
on your prize petunias!*



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## GROUND IVY

*Aliases: creeping Charlie, cat's foot, field  
balm, dollar weed*

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## WANTED FOR GARDEN CREEPERY

 Ground Ivy

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balm, dollar weed*

*This creeping perennial skulks about the  
eastern half of the United States. It roots  
at the nodes and rapidly creates a dense  
matt.*

**DO NOT TILL!!** Water before weeding so  
you can get the roots, and get these  
varmints before they seed.



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## BURDOCK

*Aliases: clotbur, wild rhubarb*

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# WANTED FOR INTERLOPIN

👉 Burdock

*Aliases: clotbur, wild rhubarb*

Burdock can take over areas you don't regularly patrol. This weed has a deep taproot similar to that of dandelion. Dig out the taproot. Mulch is powerless against it. Some pickle the roots and eat them. Others use it to treat everything from arthritis to sore throats.

*Burdock leaves make great compost!*



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## **QUACK GRASS**

*Aliases: couchgrass, quitchgrass,  
creeping wheat*

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## **WANTED FOR**

## **EXCESSIVE INHIBITION**

 **Quack Grass**

*Aliases: couchgrass, quitchgrass,  
creeping wheat*

*This perennial menace spreads via thin,  
creeping underground rhizomes that release  
chemicals to inhibit the growth of other plants.*

*Get all the runner roots to kill it.*

*Have a competition to see who can find the  
longest root. Let it dry fully in the sun before  
you compost it.*



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## **JOHNSON GRASS**

*Aliases: Egyptian grass, Morocco millet,  
false guinea grass*

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## **WANTED FOR PUBLIC PROPAGATION**

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 **Johnson Grass**

*Aliases: Egyptian grass, Morocco millet,  
false guinea grass*

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*To beat this noxious perennial weed, dig out  
an entire clump and lay it gently on your  
sidewalk. DO NOT knock off the soil.*

*Carefully remove all the roots from the soil.  
Set the dug-out clumps in a pile to rot for  
several months before composting.*



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