

Japanese Stiltgrass

Microstegium vimineum



General Description:

- Annual Grass: Shade-tolerant, ~3' tall, but arching stems make it appear shorter.
- Leaves: 3" lance-shaped leaves are limy-green and taper at both ends.
- Stem: Green; turns purplish by mid-fall
- Flowers: Late summer, flowers in branched spike, with 1-3 (rarely 6) branches

Prominent Features:

- Leaves: Upper surface has a **silvery, translucent stripe along the midrib**
- **Weak, prop-like roots like 'stilts'**

How to Remove:

- Hand-pull before seeds set

Look Alikes: Several

- White Cut Grass: Native, darker green, no silver stripe on leaves, tougher root system with nodules
- Basketgrass: Invasive, leaves clasp the stem and have hairy leaf sheaths



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