

Weed Identification

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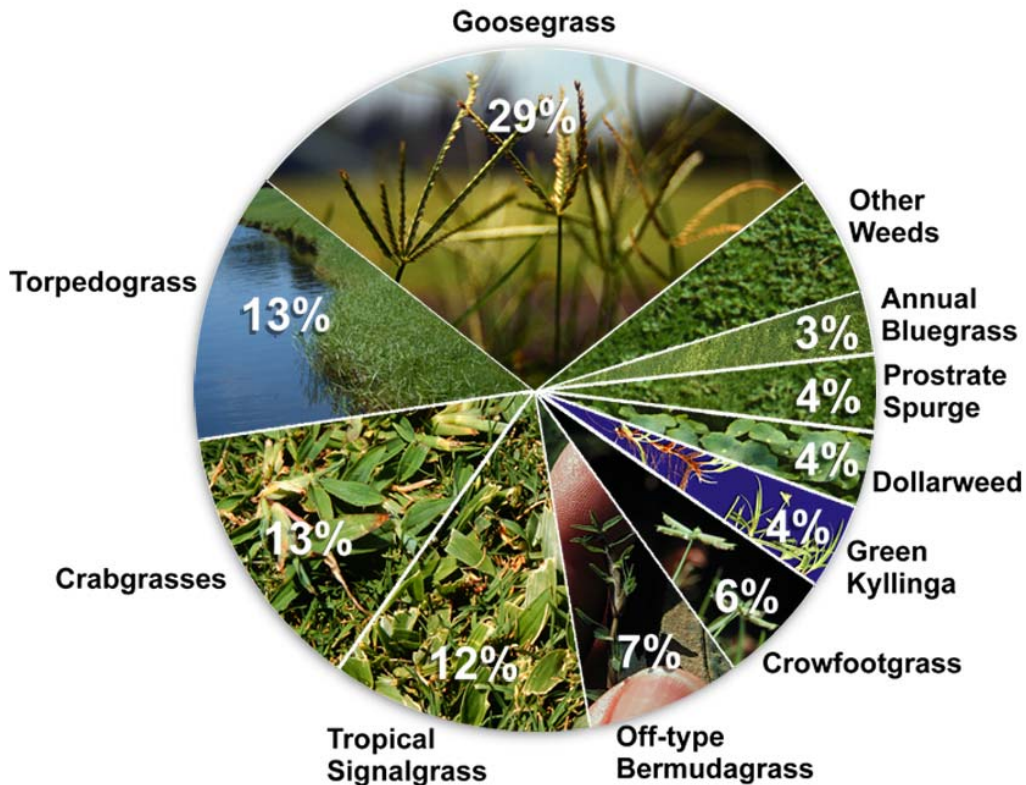
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Ways of identifying weeds

1. browse pictures
2. compare technical characteristics
3. use a key
4. ask an expert specialist
5. quick recognition (gestalt, e.g., perception of the wholeness of form)
6. know the families
7. document using photographs
8. drill using flash cards (available digitally)

Top weeds of golf and sports turf in South Florida



Top 10 lawn and landscape weeds (in order)

crabgrasses
tropical signalgrass
dollarweed
broadflowered pusley
southern sida
bermudagrass
purple nutsedge
bunch sedges
creeping beggarweed
torpedograss

Secondary lawn and landscape weeds

matchweed
Spanish needle
spreading dayflower
green shrimpplant
yellow woodsorrel
cupid's shaving brush
goosegrass
Spermacoce spp.
sandspur
bullgrass

Other lawn and landscape weeds

Asiatic hawksweed, chamberbitter, cudweed, doveweed, green kyllinga, heartleaf drymary, Old World diamondflower, pellitory spp., smutgrass, white clover

Suggested web sites and books

**edis.ifas.ufl.edu fleppc.org idweed.com ifasbooks.com
plantatlas.usf.edu plantbook.org/weedbook.pdf www.weedimages.org**

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