

WEEDWATCH

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PURPLE DEADNETTLE

Lamium purpureum

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

▶ With square stems and purple-red flowers, this winter annual closely resembles henbit (*Lamium amplexicaule*).

▶ Opposite leaves with pointed tips often have a purple tinge. Leaves grow on short or long petioles dependent on where the leaf is located on the plant—unlike henbit, where leaves lack petioles.

▶ Purple-red flowers grow in clusters of three to six in the upper leaves.

▶ Deadnettle, a member of the mint family, reproduces by seed.

CONTROL TIPS

▶ Purple deadnettle germinates in the fall and flowers in the spring. It thrives in thin turf and moist shady sites.

▶ Dense, lush turf is the best way to reduce spread and encroachment of winter annuals. Properly mow, fertilize and water in spring and summer to minimize thin turf areas.

▶ Apply a preemergent herbicide containing dithiopyr prior to germination in the fall.



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HENBIT

Lamium amplexicaule

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

▶ This member of the mint family, from the same genus as purple deadnettle, features a square stem.

▶ Commonly confused with deadnettle, henbit leaves are also opposite—but circular to heart-shaped, without petioles for attachment but with clasping leaves on the petiole.

▶ Pink to purple flowers grow in whorls in the upper leaves without petioles.

▶ Primarily found in turfgrass and landscapes, henbit prefers thin, nutrient-rich soil.

CONTROL TIPS

▶ Henbit germinates in the fall, reproducing by seed and flowers in spring.

▶ Dense, lush turf is the best way to reduce spread and encroachment of winter annuals. Properly mow, fertilize and water in spring and summer to minimize thin turf areas.

▶ Apply a preemergent herbicide containing isoxaben prior to germination in the fall.

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