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SOUTHERN BRASS BUTTONS *Cotula australis*

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This low-growing annual is often confused with swinecress, thanks to its similar leaves and flower heads. Swinecress has a skunk-like odor; brass buttons has no odor.
- ▶ Its seed leaves are long, narrow and fleshy, and the first true leaves are divided into three narrow lobes.
- ▶ Small, pale yellow flowers cluster into heads atop long stalks and bloom from January through May.
- ▶ In mature plants, finely dissected leaves are

sparsely covered with short hairs. They're arranged alternately along the stem on short stalks.

- ▶ This member of the sunflower family is commonly found along the coast from California to Washington.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Its broad leaves can take over a large area quickly, so it's important to treat this weed early.
- ▶ Apply a preemergent herbicide containing isoxaben prior to germination, followed by 0.5 in. of irrigation.

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LESSER SWINECRESS *Coronopus didymus*

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This member of the mustard family is a low-growing, prostrate winter or summer annual that's often confused with southern brass buttons.
- ▶ First and later leaves alternate along the stems. The edges have one or more rounded, coarse teeth, and there are short hairs on the tips. Its leaves also have an offensive, skunk-like odor.
- ▶ Small white, four-petaled flower clusters bloom from February through October.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ This quick-spreading weed is often found in lawns and gardens throughout the U.S. and is common in newly seeded fescue. Prolific seed production, tolerance to low mowing and heavy traffic have increased the prevalence of this weed in turfgrass.
- ▶ Apply a preemergent herbicide containing isoxaben early in the season or a postemergent herbicide containing triclopyr to emerged swinecress in late winter or early spring.

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