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SOUTHERN CRABGRASS

Digitaria ciliaris

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This annual, warm-season, grassy weed reproduces by seed and forms dense stands in open, disturbed or thin-canopy sites.
- ▶ It grows along the ground with branched stems that root at the nodes.
- ▶ Leaf blades are rough with no hairs or only a few short hairs near the base of the blade. Long hairs are often on leaf margins near the sheath and on the sheath itself, similar to large crabgrass (*D. sanguinalis*).

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Southern crabgrass typically germinates when soil temperatures reach a consistent 55 degrees F.
- ▶ In the absence of frost, Southern crabgrass can overwinter—producing new growth and a second crop of seed in spring or early summer.
- ▶ Apply an herbicide containing dithiopyr prior to germination or prior to the tillering of crabgrass, which generally corresponds to the time when crabgrass seedlings are easily observed in turf.

* State restrictions on the sale and use of Dimension specialty herbicide products apply.



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DOWNY BROME

Bromus tectorum

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ Downy brome, also known as cheatgrass, has densely hairy leaves and sheaths and drooping seedheads.
- ▶ Its leaves are rolled in the shoot and hairy on both surfaces. Leaves lack auricles and have a membranous ligule that may be fringed with hairs near the top.
- ▶ In late spring/early summer, the seedhead, a soft drooping panicle, changes from green to purple to tan. It often remains purple during the winter months.

- ▶ Flowers consist of individual spikelets with needlelike awns.

CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Cutting is not a recommended control method for downy brome. If cut prior to seed ripening, it will produce new stems and seeds at the cut height.
- ▶ For smaller infestations in commercial settings, apply an herbicide containing pronamide.
- ▶ Make fall application(s) after downy brome seeds have germinated and are beginning to grow.

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