

Common Weed Identifier

Dandelion



Dandelion resembles sun, moon and stars during the certain parts of its life cycle. Yellow flower looks like sun, spherical head with seeds looks like moon while dispersing seeds look like stars.

Crabgrass



Crabgrass gets its name from the leaves, which form a tight, crab-like circle. This annual weed tends to appear in weak or bare areas of a lawn. Both over and under watering favor its growth, as does consistently mowing the lawn too short.

Ground Ivy



Ground ivy, also known as creeping Charlie, prefers shady, moist areas of a lawn with low fertility, but also grows in sunny areas. Stems spread over the ground like ivy, rooting at leaf nodes (where leaves attach to the stem). This aggressive perennial weed is tough to beat.

Broadleaf Plantain



Broadleaf plantain is a perennial weed that tends to appear in poor, thin lawns with compacted soil. It's quite drought tolerant, but thrives in overwatered soil. Plants can grow in shady or sunny conditions.

Henbit



Henbit is a winter annual that's in the mint family, revealed by its square stems. Like mint, this weed spreads and roots along its stems. Purple to pink blooms appear at the top of stems above deep green scalloped leaves..

Clover



Clover used to be a common ingredient in lawn seed blends. These days, this perennial weed is regarded as a bad guy in most lawns. It tends to grow where soil is poor and low in nitrogen.

Chickweed



Chickweed is an annual weed that prefers shady, moist soil with higher fertility, although its seeds will sprout in dry soil. Typically, chickweed appears in lawns that are thin and experience poor drainage.

Prickly Lettuce



Prickly lettuce is an annual weed that thrives in cool seasons of the year. Plants typically appear in disturbed soil, but they'll also invade thin lawns with irrigated, nutrient-rich soil. Prickly lettuce spreads by wind-borne seeds, much like a dandelion.

Common Purslane



Common purslane is a summer annual weed with two root systems: a taproot and fibrous roots that form along sprawling stems. Plants spread by seeds or stem fragments that can root and establish in soil. This weed appears in thin lawns that aren't well-watered.