

SMALL CARPGRASS

Arthraxon hispidus



Mature Height	1 to 2 feet	Soil Type	Moist areas
Mature Spread	Colonies	Flower Color	Purple when Mature
Mature Form	Grass	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Dies
Sun Exposure	Best in Full Sun		
Soil Moisture	Prefers Moist		

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Small Carpgrass is an invasive annual grass that was introduced into the United States, either accidentally or by immigrants, from Japan and eastern Asia. The plant stands to 1.5 ft. tall with oval to lance-shaped leaves. Leaves are 1-3 in. long, 1/5 in. wide and have heart-shaped bases. The margins of the leaves have conspicuous hairs. Flowers bloom in early fall and are contained in 1 to several, 1-3 in. long spikes. The seeds are slender and yellowish in color, measuring 0.2 inches long. Small Carpgrass inhabits wet areas such as stream banks, flood plains, and shorelines. Hand pulling is not a very effective control since some roots left in the soil will resprouts. Herbicides such as glyphosate have been effective.



Flower & Seed Head



Seed



Roots

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