

# WEEDWATCH

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## SMUTGRASS

*Sporobolus indicus*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This erect, bunch-type perennial grass commonly is found in warm-season turf and often is identified by a black fungus growing on the seedheads.
- ▶ Its collar is divided into two parts by the midvein, and its sheath is smooth and round. The seedhead is a narrow spikelike panicle.
- ▶ Smutgrass spreads by small seeds dispersed in wind and rain and by the transfer of equipment and grass clippings.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ A preemergent herbicide containing dithiopyr will control smutgrass prior to germination of seedlings.
- ▶ Because this weed can be tough to eradicate, consider making two to three sequential applications of dithiopyr, with the first application in spring and subsequent applications occurring six to eight weeks after the last application.
- ▶ Conduct cultural control practices, including proper mowing, fertilization and watering.

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## STINKGRASS

*Eragrostis ciliaris*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This grassy summer annual is best identified by its distinctive odor and grayish-green panicle.
- ▶ Seedlings develop into tufted plants relatively quickly.
- ▶ Leaves are rolled in the bud. The lower surfaces are smooth and glossy, while the top of the leaf is rough with hairs along the margins.
- ▶ Auricles are absent, and the ligule is a fringe of hairs. Sheaths are round and slightly flattened.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ For landscape or container-grown ornamentals, apply a labeled product containing both isoxaben and trifluralin.
- ▶ Apply labeled preemergent products in early spring and again two to three months later for season-long control.
- ▶ Hand-weed any plants that may have emerged prior to application.
- ▶ Stinkgrass is not a common problem in well-established turfgrass.

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