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Weeds: Pineappleweed(*Matricaria discoidea*)

family: Asteraceae (Compositae)

cycle Annual

plant type: Broadleaf

Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for successful plant problem management.

Biology

Pineappleweed grows to over one foot in height, with leaves finely divided into narrow, feathery segments. Cone-shaped or rounded yellow-greenish flowers are produced singly at the ends of branches. Each flower head is surrounded by several overlapping bracts with papery edges. Pineappleweed has no ray flowers. It gives off a strong pineapple odor when crushed. Mayweed chamomile (*Anthemis cotula*) looks similar, but has a repulsive odor and white ray flowers.

Habitat

Pineappleweed is native to North America, and commonly occurs along roadsides, in gardens, and in cropland.

Management Options

Non-Chemical Management

- ~ Reduce weed infestation by handpulling weeds.
- ~ Careful digging is useful to manage weed populations. However, digging can carry undesirable weed seed to the surface and foster further germination.

Select non-chemical management options as your first choice!

Chemical Management

IMPORTANT: Visit Home and Garden Fact Sheets for more information on using pesticides

Apply according to label instructions. Not a problem in healthy established turf. Glyphosate products should be applied as spot treatments only! NOTE: Some ingredients listed here are only available in combination. Read the label carefully on combination products to make sure the product is suitable for your specific situation.

Landscape Areas

- glyphosate

Turf Areas

Bare Ground Areas

- glyphosate

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Images



~ Caption: Pineappleweed
~ Photo by: T.W. Miller



~ Caption: Pineappleweed
~ Photo by: D.G. Swan



~ Caption: Pineappleweed flowers
~ Photo by: J.A. Kropf



~ Caption: *Pineappleweed heads*
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~ Caption: *Pineappleweed seedling*
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