



Common Weeds



Chickweed (annual)

- Appearance: Mat forming; pairs of yellowish green leaves on trailing, slender stems
- Soil Indications: Low calcium, phosphorus; high nitrogen, potassium, magnesium, organic matter
- Removal: Pull by hand; overseed with grass seed late in the summer before weed reestablishes



Crabgrass (annual)

- Appearance: Coarse textured, yellow-green grass with reddish, branched stems
- Soil Indications: Low calcium, phosphorus; high nitrogen, potassium, magnesium, organic matter
- Removal: Pull by hand; overseed with grass seed late in the summer before weed reestablishes



Broadleaf Plantain (annual)

- Appearance: Broad oval, leaves in a rosette; stock rising from the center; deep taproots
- Soil Indications: High calcium, potassium, phosphorus; poor drainage; hardpan; acidic
- Removal: Add lime, compost, compost tea; dig deep, aerate with a core aerator



Curly Dock (perennial)

- Appearance: Often confused with dandelion; long serrated leaves; taproot
- Soil Indication: Low calcium, bacteria; pH; high phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, poor drainage
- Removal: Add calcitic lime, compost, compost tea, dig by hand



Chicory (perennial)

- Appearance: Leaves resembling dandelions at base, deep taproots
- Soil Indications: Low calcium, nitrogen, hummus; high potassium, sulfur, anaerobic
- Removal: Add calcium, nitrogen, compost, compost tea, dig deeply to get full root system



Hawkweed (perennial)

- Appearance: Bright orange and yellow flowers on leafless stems; also called Indian paintbrush
- Soil Indications: Low calcium, nitrogen, phosphorus, hummus, bacteria, pH
- Removal: Add calcium, nitrogen, compost, compost tea, calcitic lime



Creeping Charlie (perennial)

- Appearance: Low-growing, creeping plant with scalloped leaves and small, purple flowers
- Soil Indications: Low nitrogen, bacteria; high calcium, iron, sulfur; poor drainage
- Removal: Add nitrogen, compost, compost tea; dethatch



Violet (perennial)

- Appearance: Common ground cover with heart shaped leaves; purple or white flowers in the spring
- Soil Indications: Low calcium, pH
- Removal: Add calcitic lime; hand remove as much of root system as possible

