

## Nimblewill *Muhlenberala schreberi*

This annoying weed is a native warm season perennial grass. It tolerates all types of soil and site conditions – low or high fertility soils, full sun or dense shade, and wet to dry conditions. It can be confused with either creeping bent grass or bermudagrass.

From late fall to early spring dormant nimblewill can be found in your lawn in circular straw-colored patches. It will be a noticeable gray-green during the heat and drought of summer, while the cool-season grasses are stressed. Nimblewill will spread by seeds and underground stolons.

Management of nimblewill includes frequent mowing, overseeding with cool-season grass seed for a lush lawn and/or raking or manual removal, it has a fibrous root system and can be manually removed – however if any small root pieces remain, new growth will occur.

An alternative is a systemic, selective herbicide, Mesotrione (Tenacity). Applications in late April with 2-3 more applications every 2-3 weeks apart. For complete information [read the product label](#) and follow for proper use and precautions.

For more information at <https://extension.psu.edu/nimblewill-muhlenberala-schreberi>

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