



CAPITAL REGION PRISM INVASIVE SPECIES FACT SHEET

Small carpetgrass (*Arthraxon hispidus*)



Background: Small carpetgrass is native to East & Southern Asia, and Africa and has only been found in a few locations state-wide, all along the Hudson River and its tributaries. The only population in the Capital region was found on Murderers Creek in Greene County. This plant poses a threat because of its high seed bank capability.

Description: This annual grass is smaller than some of its look-alikes, only growing about 1.5 feet tall. The most identifying feature of this grass are the somewhat wavy leaves that have hairs along the margins. The flowers grow in spikelets that come out in September and October. It often grows along water-ways and in wet soils in sunny areas. It often grows in dense patches

Flowering: Flowers of this grass bloom in early fall, growing in spikes that reach three inches long.

Look-alikes: Wavyleaf Basketgrass (Invasive) and its look-alikes, Japanese Stiltgrass (Invasive) and Deer-Tongue Grass (native) and the closest lookalikes to this plant. Look for the hairy margins of *Arthraxon* as well as the heart-shaped leaf base that wraps all the way around the stem.

Control Methods:

Manual/Mechanical: Pull out grass and root system, put in a plastic bag, and dispose of in a secure system.

Chemical: Chemical herbicides applied can be effective, contact your local PRISM for more information.

