

## Tier 1b: (nearby but not in neighboring PRISM)

*Oplismenus hirtellus*,

### Wavyleaf Basketgrass

This plant has extreme invasive potential just a little bit to the south of New York in the Washington D.C. area where it behaves much like stiltgrass making a carpet along the forest floor.

**Population Status:** Confirmed- PA to VA plus HI.

**Description:** Much as its name suggests, this monocot has a wavy leaf which grows along a hairy stem. The leaves do not completely encircle the stem. This grass is a perennial, which can lead to populations getting out of hand when left alone.

**Control:** Small patches of this plant can be hand-pulled in the same way that one would treat stiltgrass. This is only effective before the grass goes to seed.

**Look-alikes:** This species somewhat looks like the widespread invasive Japanese Stiltgrass (Tier 4) which mainly grows along the southern counties of the Capital-Mohawk region. Deer-tongue grass (native) also looks somewhat like this plant though it has a purplish tint to leaves.

**Flower Time and Description:** This plant starts blooming in mid-July with flowers present at the ends of branches. The seeds become sticky, which can lead to further distribution.

