

## Wavyleaf basketgrass

### *Oplismenus undulatifolius*

#### Description

Introduction method unknown but are sold by plant nurseries for hanging baskets.

#### Habit

Shade tolerant, low-growing, stoloniferous perennial grass, growing up to 20-30 cm tall.

#### Leaves

Ovate, elongated, sharply pointed, dark green, 0.5 inches wide, 1.5 to 4 inches long, with rippling waves across the leaf blades.

#### Stems

Covered in scattered hairs. 1-3 mm in diameter, creeping beneath leaf litter, rooting and branching from nodes.

#### Flowers

Blooms from mid-September to November.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Forms spikelets with long sticky awns, which adhere to passing animals greatly enhancing





seed dispersal.

### **Habitat**

Native to Europe and Asia. Found in full canopy hardwood forests, forest margins, and shady riparian zones.

### **Reproduction**

Vegetatively through stolons and by seed. Stands of this species can produce upwards of 1,000 seeds per square meter per year.

### **Similar**

Similar in appearance to Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Easily hand pulled at the roots and nodes and thought to be more effective than herbicide. May be effectively treated with a 1-2% solution of glyphosate.

### **Credits**

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