

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.

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