

Dollarweed (*Hydrocotyle* sp.) is a perennial summer weed in the parsley family that infests lawns throughout the state. It is an indicator weed for high moisture areas and weakened turfgrass.

Dollarweed is often confused with dichondra (ponyfoot). I have included images of both species to help you distinguish between the two plants. Dichondra prefers dry ground and thin turf. Dollarweed prefers damp areas and is worse during years of above average rainfall. However, dollarweed has shown good drought tolerance once established in the lawn.

Thick healthy turfgrass is very important in the prevention of creeping type weeds like dollarweed. Heavy dollarweed infestations are often the result of poor cultural practices such as mowing too low or failure to manage diseases like brown patch. Good cultural practices like proper mowing and maintaining good soil fertility are important in reducing the predominance of weeds like dollarweed.



Dichondra (ponyfoot) similar in appearance



Dollarweed common in high moisture areas



Dense colonies of dollarweed can form in weakened areas of the lawn.

Consumer Herbicide Dollarweed Evaluations:

I receive many calls concerning the removal of this weed in lawns in our state. Last spring we conducted replicated research trials evaluating several common consumer herbicides for dollarweed control. We also evaluated tank-mixing atrazine with several of the herbicides.

Please take a look at the results of the dollarweed studies below. The rating is on a scale of 0% to 100% where 0 is no control and 100 equals complete control. These ratings were conducted approximately 30 days after a single herbicide application. Notice the improved control when atrazine is mixed with the herbicides.

Herbicide	% Control
Image for St. Augustinegrass Atrazine (discount centers, garden centers)	88
Spectracide Weedstop 2X (discount centers)	80
Image for Nutsedge (discount centers, garden centers)	44
Ortho Weed B Gon (discount centers)	79
Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone (feed stores, garden centers)	79
Ortho Weed B Gon Max (discount centers)	53
Scotts Bonus S Weed & Feed (discount centers)	64
*Atrazine Tank-mixes	
Spectracide Weedstop 2X + Atrazine	100
Ferti-lome Weed Free Zone + Atrazine	100
Ortho Weed B Gon + Atrazine	100
Image for Nutsedge + Atrazine	81

*Note: Atrazine is NOT labeled in Bermuda or zoysia lawns. ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS.

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