



LSU AgCenter Home Gardening Certificate Course

Home Lab Activity # 13

Activity Title: **Weeds**

Instructions: According to the lecture, any plant can be a weed when it is growing out of place. We also learned that weeds can reproduce themselves in a variety of ways with some plants employing multiple methods. And finally, we learned that there are many methods that we can use to combat weeds in our gardens.

In this activity you will do a scavenger hunt. Take a short walk around outside. Choose a location of your liking. Your lawn and garden, a park, or even a walk around the block will be fine. With your newly trained eye look for the following:

Fill in the blanks or check the boxes.

In ten minutes,

How many grass weeds can you find? _____

How many broadleaf weeds can you find? _____

How many sedges can you find? _____

Find a weed with seeds.

Can you count the weeds on one plant? How many did you see? _____

Find a weed that spreads by stolons or rhizomes.

Find a vining weed.

Find a weed with underground tubers.

Mulches. Can you find the following mulches in gardens?

Pine straw Pine bark Wood chips Shredded leaves

Purchasing mulch can get very expensive or you can find plenty of great mulch for free (with a little work). Look for potential sources of mulch for your garden.

Find the following:

Pine tree Broadleaf tree Live oak tree Cypress tree