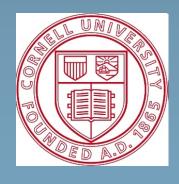
# Weeds: IPM Strategies for Long-Term Prevention of Weeds

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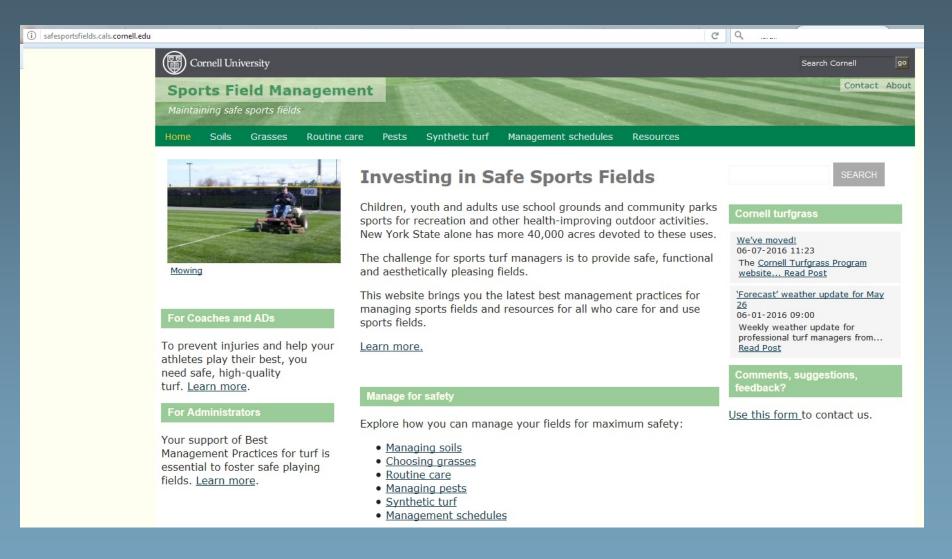
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## Go to: http://safesportsfields.cals.cornell.edu/



## Cultural Control: Optimizing grass density

Repetitive seeding can improve grass competition against weeds

Add grass seeds at various rates of 2 to 6 lbs/1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> Repetitively seed with perennial ryegrass starting early Fall (late August to early September)

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## Repetitive Over-Seeding in Schools & Institutions (ROSSI) in K-12 school playing fields

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Baldwinsville soccer field, Summer 2015

# Use appropriate grass species and varieties

	Kentucky	Perennial /	Tall	Fine
	Bluegrass	Ryegrass	Fescue	Fescue
<b>Shade tolerance</b>	Poor	Poor	Good	Excellent
Drought	Poor	Poor	Some	Some
tolerance				
Wear tolerance	Good	Good	Good	Poor
Growth habit	Rhizomatous	Bunch	Bunch	Bunch
Leaf texture	Medium-Fine	Medium	Coarse	Very fine
Seeding rate	1 to 2	5 to 9	5 to 9	3 to 5
(lb./1000 ft. <sup>2</sup> )				
Nitrogen fertilizer	3 to 4	2 to 6	2 to 4	1 to 2
$(lb N/1,000 ft.^2/yr)$				

## Pest suppressive tall fescues

Several tall fescue varieties with endophytic fungi show suppression of grub and plant pathogenic nematode damage



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Alkaloid compounds are produced by endophytic fungi and released from the roots of tall fescue to influence pest resistance



## Weed suppressive fine fescues



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Several fine fescue varieties exude m-tyrosine from roots (Intrigue and Columbra II available through John Deere)

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## Mechanical weed control: Flame weeding

#### Flame weeding eliminates weeds with intense heat



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- Effective control of young weeds (1" to 4")
- Best at eliminating annual weeds and depletes the weed seedbank

### Baseball in-fields and no herbicides



Flame weeding torches are available in 4- or 5- torch systems



Rascal Pro Blade with finishing rake for baseball diamond in-fields

## **Mechanical Weed Control: Brush Cutters vs. Fence Line Trimmers?**

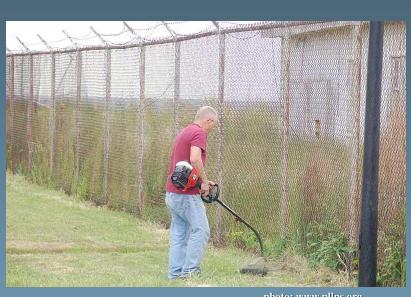


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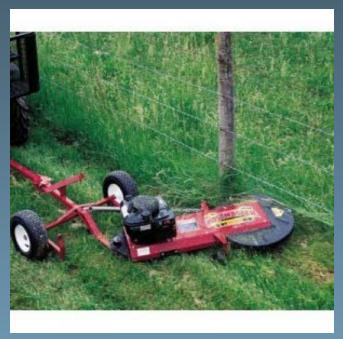


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- Brush cutters can be used on any fence line
- Fence line trimmers work best with 3 inch raised fences
- Both require continued maintenance—perennials will regenerate

# Mechanical weed control: Install Weed Suppressive Fencelines



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photo: www.grandview26blogspot.com



photo: www.weedseal.com

Place weed barrier fabric, rubber lining, plastic lining, or mulch against fence lines



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## Chemical control: Minimal and reduced risk herbicides

Strategic use of chemical control to manage weeds





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Chemical control includes softer chemistries

## Biological control: Bioherbicides for weeds in turf



Commercial name: Sarritor

Organism: Sclerotinia minor (fungus native to N. America)



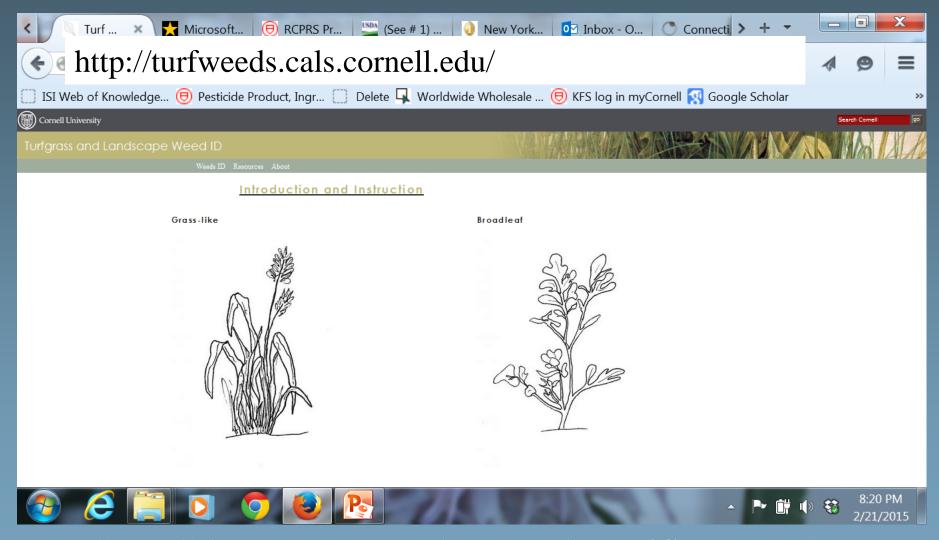




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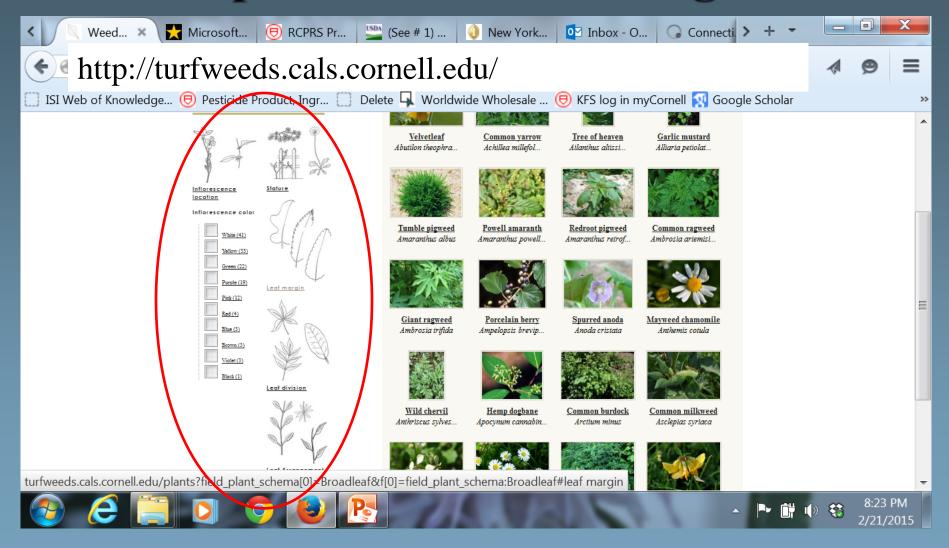
- Controls broadleaf weeds (dandelions, plantains, and clover)
- Needs moisture and 64-75° F temperatures
- Fungus grows from granules and infects weed

## Identify Weeds using the Internet

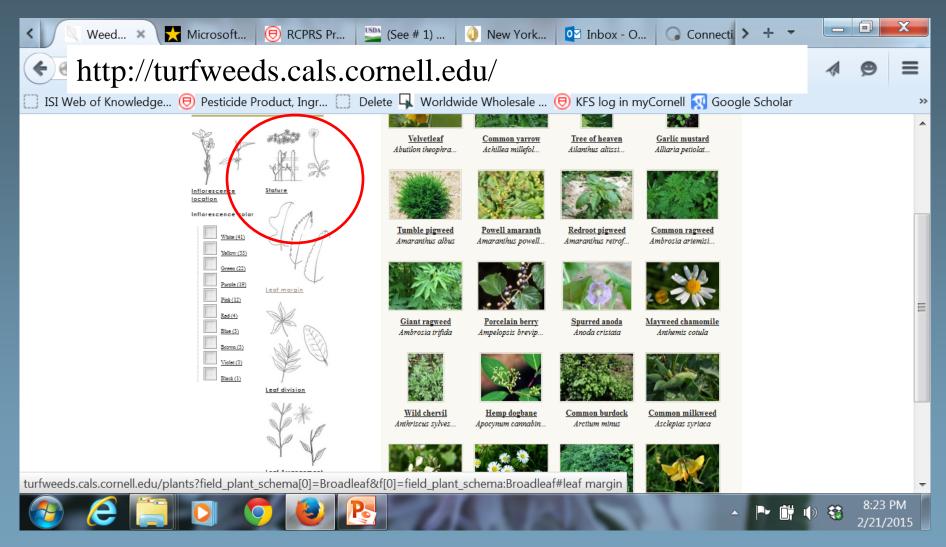


Cornell has a new Weed ID Tool specific to NYS

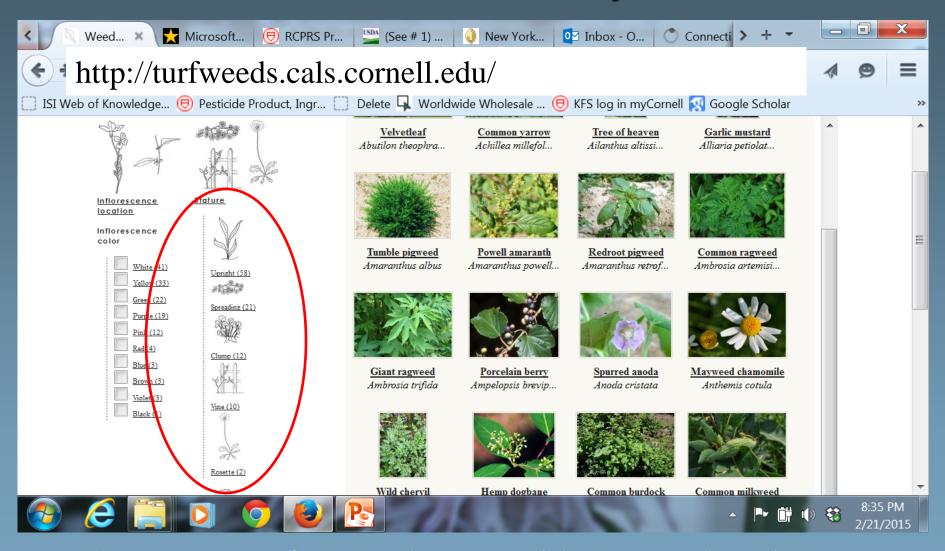
## Select plant traits on the right side



### Check off boxes to narrow down selection

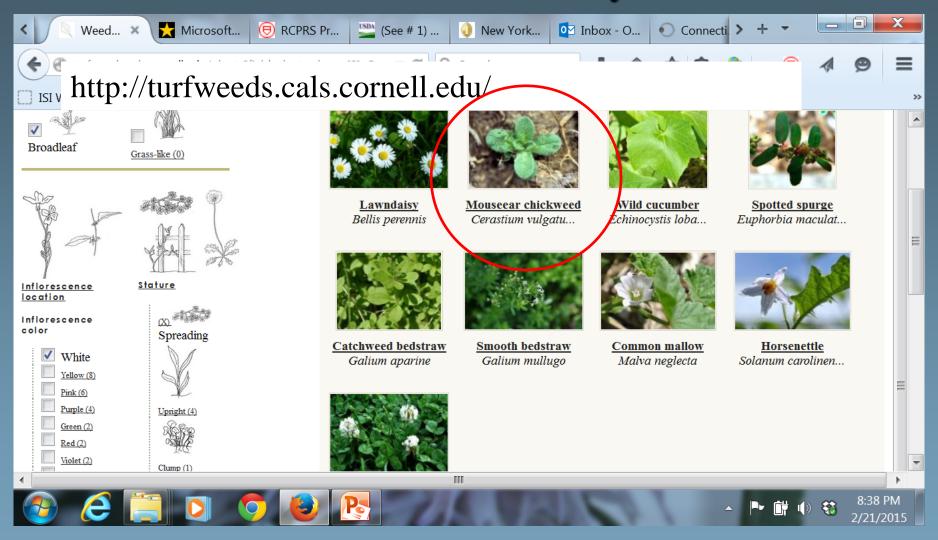


## Continue to narrow down your choices



The "stature" feature then provides several options

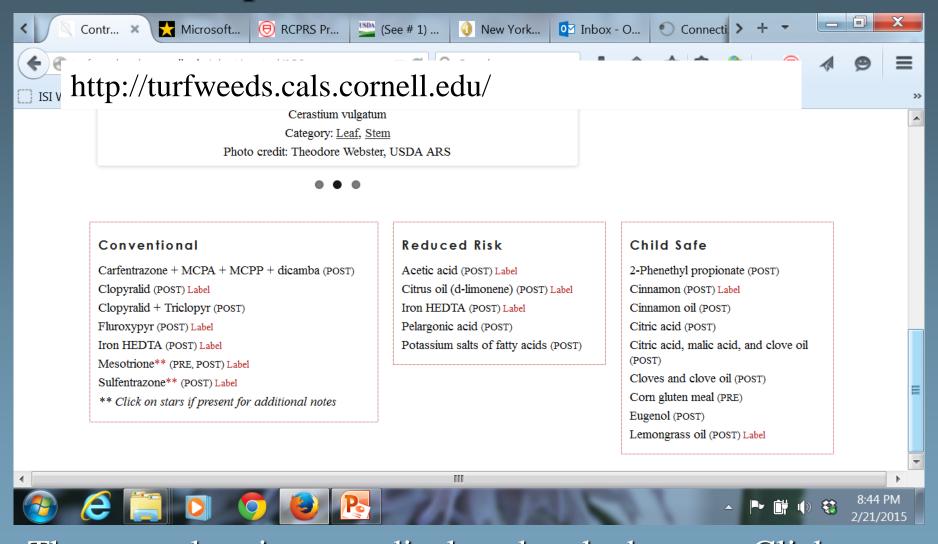
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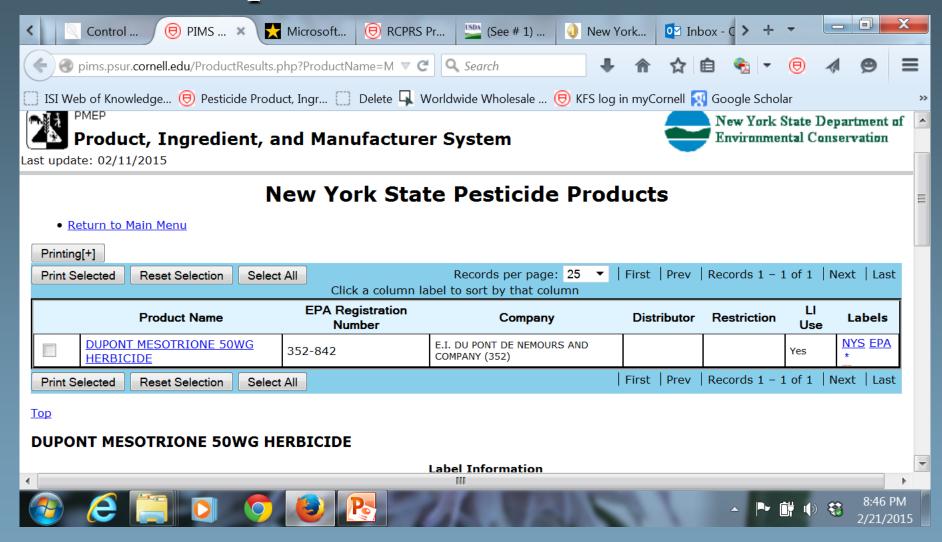
Clicking on "spreading" stature and "white" flowers gives you nine plant species



If your mystery weed is a chickweed, click on the red button to learn about control options



The control options are displayed at the bottom. Click to obtain specific herbicide labels



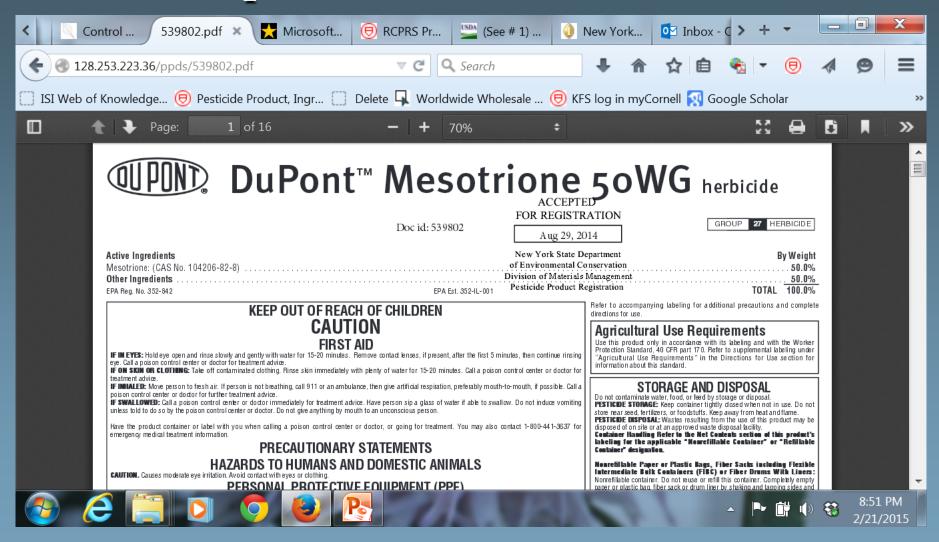
Selection of an herbicide takes you to the PIMS website for pesticides registered in NYS



Selection of a product gives you the product information and a link to the NYS label



The product labels are listed with different dates of acceptance by the NYS DEC



The product label is provided as a pdf file for your use