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Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*)

Area of Concern: RI STATE-WIDE

Japanese stiltgrass is an annual grass native to Asia. It can grow up to 3' high from a stilt-like root structure and has a sprawling habit. Stiltgrass prefers moist soils and is very shade tolerant; it can persist in a closed canopy forest and overtake native vegetation. The plant has a slightly off-set, iridescent mid-vein along the leaf and a smooth stem. Roots are forked, or 'stilt-like'. Japanese stiltgrass emerges in May and begins flowering in late August and seeds mature by early to mid-September. Avoid infested areas when seeds are present to prevent dispersal.



More images: <http://www.invasive.org/species/subject.cfm?sub=3051>



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