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Nepalese browntop

Cyperales > Poaceae > *Microstegium vimineum* (Trin.) A. Camus

Synonym(s): Japanese stiltgrass, Japanese grass, Mary's grass, Nepalgrass

Nepalese browntop is a delicate, sprawling, annual grass that is ½ to 3 feet in height. It is recognized by the pale green leaves with off-center veins. The leaves are alternate, short, flat, and lance-shaped. Most commonly an invader of forested floodplains, Nepalese browntop is also found in ditches, forest edges, fields, and trails. It is very shade tolerant and can displace vegetation native to floodplains. Nepalese browntop is native to Asia and was accidentally introduced into North America sometime around 1920. It has previously been used as packing material for porcelain, possibly explaining its accidental introduction.

Identification, Biology, Control and Management Resources

- [Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests](#) - USDA Forest Service
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- [Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas](#) - National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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- [Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Invasive Plant Manual](#) - SE-EPPC
<http://www.invasive.org/eastern/eppc/japgrass.html> - Aug 26, 2004
- [Element Stewardship Abstract](#) - The Nature Conservancy
<http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/esadocs/documnts/micrvim.pdf> - Aug 26, 2004
- [Weeds Gone Wild: Alien Plant Invaders of Natural Areas](#) - Plant Conservation Alliance
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/mivi1.htm> - Aug 26, 2004
- [Invasive Plant Atlas of New England](#) - University of Connecticut
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/webapps/ipane/browsing.cfm?descriptionid=12> - Aug 26, 2004
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External Links

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- [Integrated Taxonomic Information System \(ITIS\)](#)

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- Alabama - IPC List
- Connecticut - Noxious Weed Law
- Georgia - EPPC list
- Kentucky - EPPC List
- [Massachusetts - Noxious Weed Law](#)
- Rhode Island - Noxious Weed Law
- [South Carolina - EPPC List](#)
- [Tennessee - EPPC List](#)
- Texas - Invasive Plant List

- [Virginia - Invasive Alien Plant Species](#)
- [Mid-Atlantic - EPPC List](#)
- [Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests: A Field Guide for Identification and Control](#)
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- [Invasive Plant Atlas of New England](#)
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