



Identifying the Top 10 Weeds in the MI Landscape

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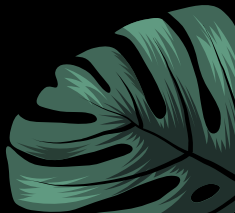
The image features a dark green background with a decorative border of tropical plants. On the left and right sides, there are large, detailed illustrations of Monstera leaves with characteristic holes and palm fronds. The central text is white and stands out against the dark background.

Why should we
identify weeds?

Herbicides

Weed Identification

- Leaves
- Stems
- Flowers
- Seedheads
- Roots
- Growth patterns
- Growth stages



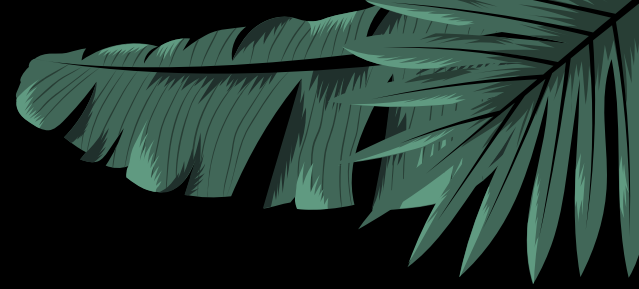


The Top 10 Weeds

- Common Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*)
- Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
- Common Blue Violet (*Viola sororia*)
- Quackgrass (*Elymus repens*)
- Common Mallow (*Malva neglecta*)
- Common Lambsquarters (*Chenopodium album*)
- Prostrate Spurge (*Euphorbia humistrata*)
- Marestalk (*Conyza canadensis*)
- Common Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*)

Common Dandelion

Taraxacum officinale



Basal rosette of leaves, yellow flowers on hollow stalks

Ray flowers



Pappus seeds form fluffy globe



Taproot

Opposing lobes point towards the base



Dandelion Lookalikes



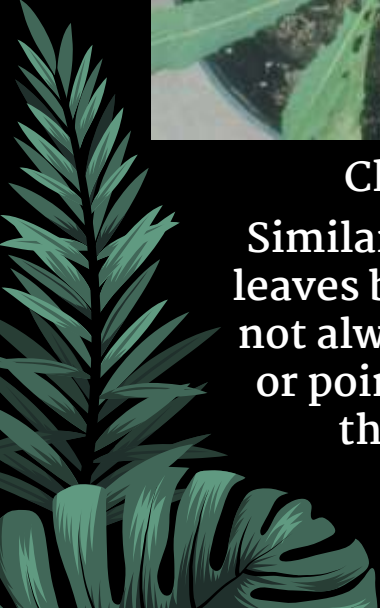
Chicory

Similar rosette of leaves but lobes do not always oppose or point towards the base



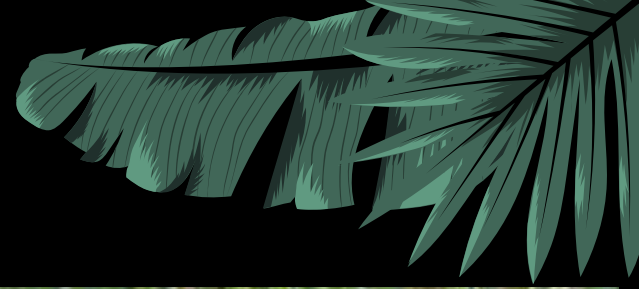
Common Catsear (False Dandelion)

Similar rosette of leaves but densely haired with rounded, shallowly notched lobes



Canada Thistle

Cirsium arvense



Spiny, lobed leaves surround the smooth stems



Rhizomes



Generally pink to purple disk flowers surrounded by spineless bracts

Pappus seeds appear densely fluffy



Canada Thistle Lookalikes

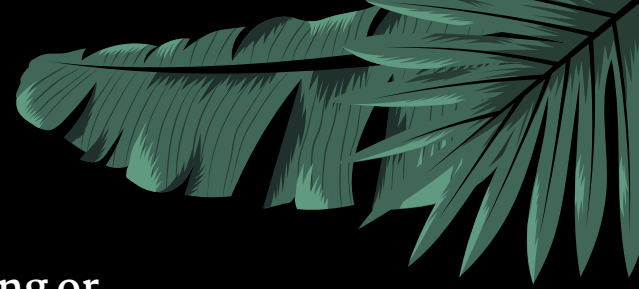


Bull Thistle
Similar thistle
appearance but
with spiny winged
stems and hairy
upper leaf surfaces



Field Bindweed

Convolvulus arvensis



Egg-shaped to rounded fruit



Viny, climbing or trailing stems



Arrowhead-shaped leaves



Rhizomes



White to pink morning glory-like flowers

Field Bindweed Lookalikes

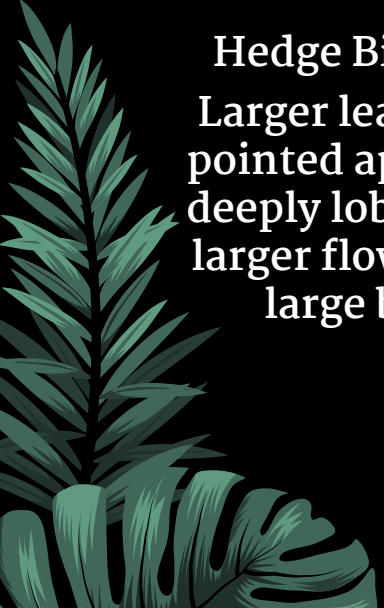


Wild Buckwheat
Basal leaf lobes
point towards the
petiole, sheathed
stems above leaf
bases, clustering
flowers

Hedge Bindweed
Larger leaves with
pointed apices and
deeply lobed bases,
larger flowers with
large bracts

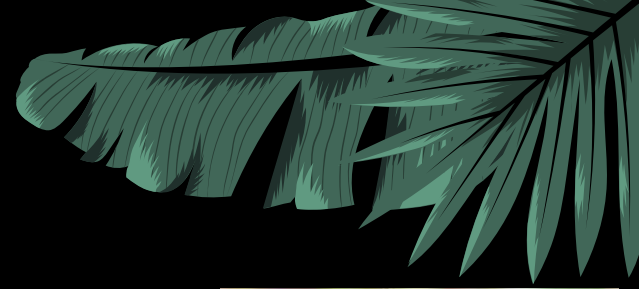


Morning Glory: Seed-propagated, broader,
heart-shaped leaves with rounded basal
lobes



Common Blue Violet

Viola sororia



Flowers ranging from white to deep purple, basal crown of heart-shaped leaves with rounded teeth



Stout rhizomes



5 petals, lateral 2 bearded, lower petal forms a nectar-containing spur



3-valved capsule fruits

Self-pollinating flowers below the leaves never open



Common Blue Violet Lookalikes



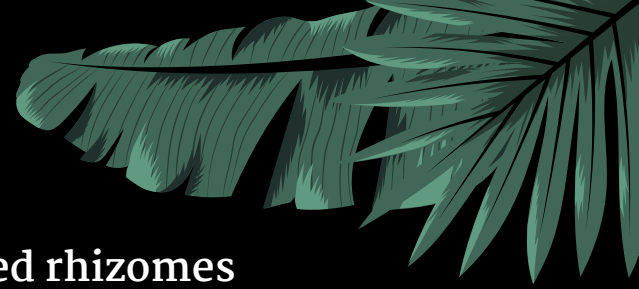
English Violet
Stolons, fragrant
flowers

Field Pansy
Leafy, branching
stems



Quackgrass

Elymus repens



Generally grows
erect



Very short,
membranous
ligule



Clasping
auricle



Sharp-tipped rhizomes



Quackgrass Lookalikes



Tall Fescue

No rhizomes, non-clasping auricles

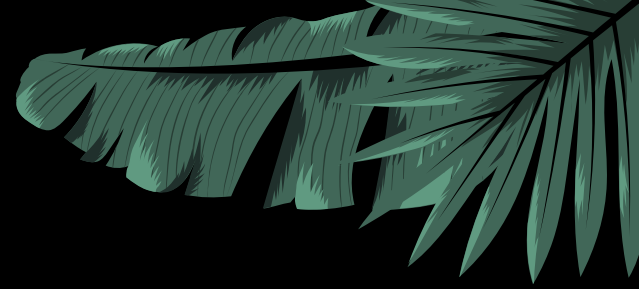


Annual Ryegrass

No rhizomes

Common Mallow

Malva neglecta



White to whitish lavender flowers, alternate leaves



Button/cheese wheel-like fruits

Taproot



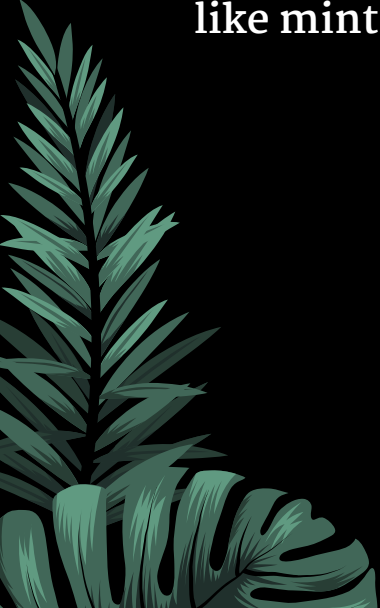
Palmately-veined leaves, sharp, toothed margins

Common Mallow Lookalikes

Ground Ivy
Opposite leaves
with rounded
teeth, square
stems, smells
like mint

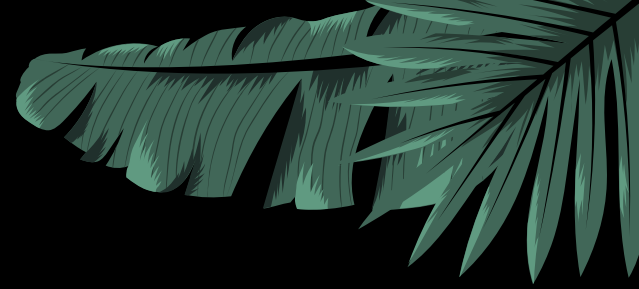


Musk Mallow
Deeply lobed leaves



Common Lambsquarters

Chenopodium album



Grows erect,
gray-mealy
coating

Alternate, irregularly-toothed,
rhombic-egg-shaped leaves



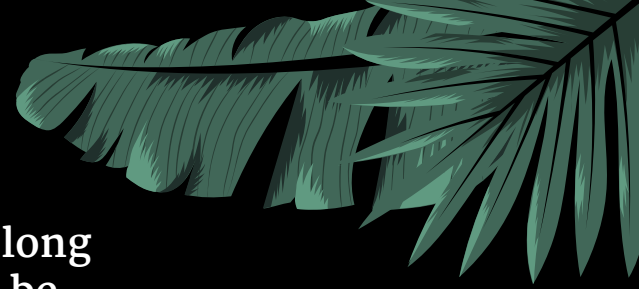
Spikes of
clustered
flowers



Taproot

Prostrate Spurge

Euphorbia humistrata



Low-growing,
mat-forming,
roots at the lower
nodes

Opposite, oblong
leaves, can be
spotted



Flower clusters in
upper leaf axils



Hairy 3-lobed, 3-
seeded fruit with
3-sided seeds



Injury produces milky sap

Prostrate Spurge Lookalikes



Spotted Spurge
Darker leaves, does not root at nodes, can be considered same species



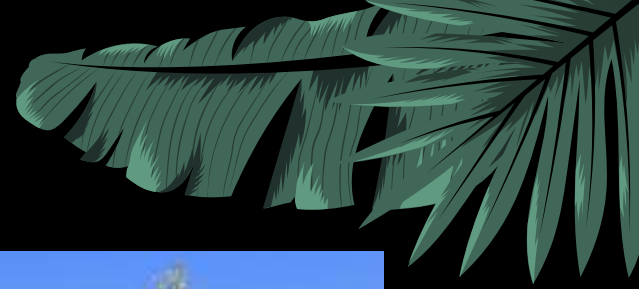
Nodding Spurge
Ascending or almost erect growth habit, generally larger leaves

Prostrate Knotweed
Similar appearance but injury does not produce milky sap



Marestail

Conyza canadensis



Basal rosette seedlings, hairy leaves generally lightly toothed



Erect central stem, alternate, hairy leaves crowded along the stem

Pappus seeds



Branches of many flowers from main stem form a conical shape

Marestail Lookalikes



Annual Fleabane
Generally white ray
flowers, more
prominently-
toothed leaf
margins



Rough Fleabane
White ray
flowers, lower
leaves more
spatulate



Virginia Pepperweed
Deeply-lobed leaves, peppery
taste, fragrant when crushed

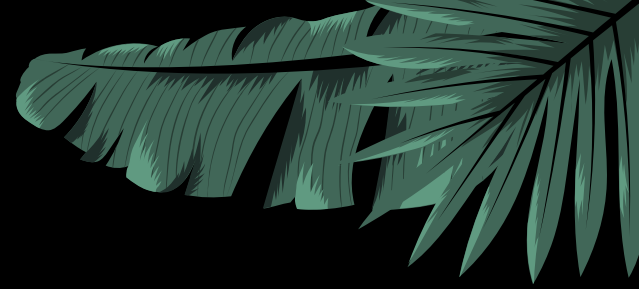


**Shepherd's-
Purse**
Deeply-lobed
leaves



Common Purslane

Portulaca oleracea



Low-growing,
mat-forming
succulent,
purplish-red
stems

Inconspicuous
yellow flowers



Oval, pointed fruit split
open transversely



Thick taproot



Common Purslane Lookalikes



Spurges

Milky sap when
injured



Prostrate Knotweed
Not succulent, small,
papery sheaths around
leaf bases



Methods of Control

- Pre- + post-emergent herbicide combos
- Timing of applications
- Adjuvants
- Tower 6EC (21 fl oz/ac) + Dimension 2EW (16 fl oz/ac)
- Tower 6EC (21 fl oz/ac) + Pennant Magnum (32 fl oz/ac)



Resources

- Weed Identification Books, Pocketbooks, Etc.
- State Extension Specialist
- Michigan State University Plant & Pest Diagnostics Webpage
- Weed ID Guide App



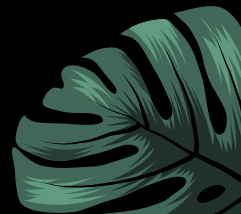


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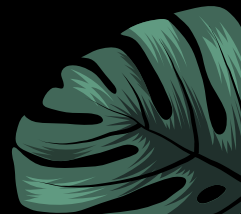


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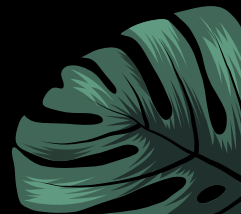


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