Arthraxon hispidus

small carpetgrass

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DESCRIPTION

*Arthraxon hispidus* is a low, hairy, mat-forming grass. The branched stems are 0.5 m long and decumbent (lying along the ground and then curving upright). The leaves are 2.5 to 7.5 cm long with a clasping heart-shaped base. The lower edge of the leaf and leaf-sheath are distinctly hairy.

FLOWERS AND FRUITS

September through October. Flowers are found at the stem tips and leaf axils (where leaf meets the stem), and flower spikes are 1.2 to 7 cm long. Spikelets are pale green to purplish.

HABITAT

Poorly drained fields, disturbed floodplains, stream banks and ditches.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Sometimes confused with *Microstegium vimineum*, Japanese stiltgrass, especially before flowering. The leaves of Japanese stiltgrass have a shiny midrib and do not clasp the stem.