

WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

ALIEN INVADERS



JAPANESE STILT GRASS

Microstegium vimineum

BASIC ID

This annual grass looks like a delicate bamboo and can grow up to 3' tall and form dense mats. The stripe of silvery hairs along the midrib of the upper leaf is distinctive. 1"-3" flower spikes appear in September and it sets seed by October.

FACTS

This native of Asia has high seed potential and prefers moist soils in disturbed areas such as floodplains, riverbanks, roadsides, and moist woodlands where the seeds are easily dispersed by water. This presents a major threat to native riparian and forest vegetation.

MANAGEMENT

- Hand pull small populations or mow when blooming before seeds set.
- Herbicide application

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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