

**STAY ON
TRAILS!**



WAVYLEAF BASKETGRASS

Wavyleaf Basketgrass (*Oplismenus undulatifolius*) is a fast-growing invasive perennial grass that produces sticky seeds that adhere to fur and clothing. Wavyleaf basketgrass was first discovered in the United States in 1996 at Patapsco Valley State Park, Md. From there, it has spread to Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.

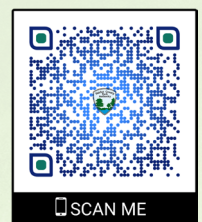
What does Wavyleaf basketgrass look like?


- Wavyleaf basketgrass grows parallel to the ground with seed spikelets growing up to 18" tall.
- The stem of the plant is hairy.
- Leaf blades measure 1/2"-1" wide and 4" long with rippling waves across the grass blades.
- Seeds adhere to clothing, boots and animals.

Why is it a problem in the forest? Once wavyleaf basketgrass is established it grows into dense carpets crowding out other native plants including shrubs and tree seedlings.

What Can YOU Do?

- **Remove wavyleaf basketgrass in your yard**
 - The best time is late spring and summer, before it starts to flower.
 - Remove roots while removing the plant.
 - Place all wavyleaf basketgrass into a trash bag and send out with the regular trash.
 - Do not put wavyleaf basketgrass into the compost or into a bag of yard waste for the dump.
 - If found on parkland, please add the siting on the EDDMapS or iNaturalist apps.
- **PLEASE STAY ON TRAILS AND KEEP PETS LEASHED TO STOP THE SEED SPREAD!**



 703-324-8563 TTY: Va. Relay 711

A publication of Fairfax County, Va. • 5/22

Photos by
Kerrie Kyde

Spikelet of seeds