

Weed of the Month - Friends of Lochiel Park

“WANTED DEAD NOT ALIVE”

Yellow Wood Sorrel, Creeping Oxalis, .

bot. name - *Oxalis corniculata* .

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxalis_corniculata

DESCRIPTION :-

Yellow Wood Sorrel is a major weed in turf, ornamental plantings, gardens, and nurseries. It is also a serious problem in container-grown plants. Un-infested landscapes can become contaminated if infested container stock is used in plantings. As seed pods mature and expel seeds, it spreads from container to container, flowerbed to flower bed, or across ornamental plantings. Hand weeding is useful to reduce infestations.

It can establish rapidly in areas of new or established gardens and lawn. It also spreads from mowing and other gardening activities. Once established, it is very competitive because it grows all year. This makes it a particular problem along verge and boundary lines.

Due to its initial size and colour the plant is often inconspicuous with the leaves and flowers as small as 2 to 3 mm across.

MANAGEMENT

The primary method to eradicate is to remove the established plant by hand or careful use of herbicide, and the addition of mulch will also control flowering and the germinating seeds.

Seedlings can be controlled by continual hand weeding or by the use of pre-emergence herbicides. Burying seeds or covering them with mulch to block their exposure to light prevents germination and is a very effective way to control seedlings in planting beds.

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