

Wild Violets

Wild Violets are perennial weeds that are often found in the lawn. They bloom in the spring, most often in the color of purple (image 1) or occasionally in white (image 2). What is always present are the heart-shaped leaves that are curled like a funnel (images 3 & 4). The plants create low growing rosettes (image 3) and flowers form on stalks that arise from the growing points at the base of the plant. They have extensive root systems allowing them to store extra water to help them survive drought. They over winter and spread by rhizomes and they also produce seeds; this combination makes it hard to control. Ground Ivy is often confused with Wild Violets (image 5).

Control

Wild Violets thrive in shaded areas but can live anywhere the turf is thin, in poor condition or mowed too short. So the first step in control would be to keep the turf dense and healthy.

Wild Violets are extremely difficult to control. Hand pulling is only an option when they are young; once they are established, pulling them may actually help them spread.

With chemical treatments, multiple applications may be required. Fall is the absolute best time to apply for violets with spring being next, summer applications vary in effectiveness.

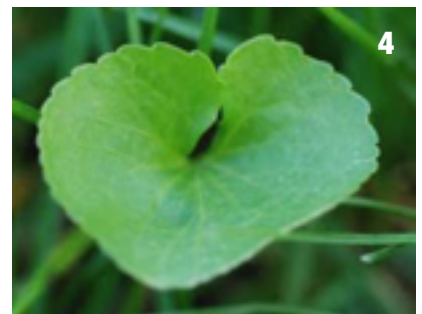
The best chemical by far for control is **Hi-Yield® Triclopyr Ester** with **Hi-Yield® Spreader Sticker**. This combination can be used on all cool season grasses but not Bermudagrass lawns. One application is often enough, if two are needed repeat in 2 to 3 weeks.

NOTE: Without Hi-Yield® Spreader Sticker, Hi-Yield® Triclopyr Ester will not work!

In cooler temperatures and in late fall, **ferti•lome® Weed Free Zone** has shown to be very effective. As temperatures rise, 3 applications 2 weeks apart will be required, but **Hi-Yield® Spreader Sticker** will not be required.

In the summer during hot temperatures, **ferti•lome® Weed-Out with Crabgrass Killer** has been shown to be more effective than many other chemicals. Again, **Hi-Yield® Spreader Sticker** needs to be added and probably 3 applications 2 weeks apart.

Some Universities are starting to recommend **ferti•lome® Weed-Out with Nutsedge Control** for pre and post-emergent control with NO Spreader Sticker.



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