

# CITRUS WEED SPOTLIGHT

## Texas panicum (*Panicum texanum*)

*Synonymous with Urochloa texana (Brachiaria texana)*

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**Season:** summer annual

**Plant height:** up to 2.75 feet tall

**Roots:** fibrous

**Stem:** erect from base, may be creeping or decumbent, rooting at lower nodes, soft pubescence at nodes

**Leaf:** Sheath: hairy. Ligule: membranous, short, fringed with dense hairs. Blade: pale or greenish-yellow, soft fine hairs on both upper and lower surfaces, 3 to 11 inches long, and 0.25 to 0.75 inch wide

**Seed head:** elongated up to 5 inches in length, appressed or slightly



spreading, spikelike branches

**Distribution:** North Carolina to Florida, and west across the Gulf states into Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Found in open, sandy, disturbed areas of vacant lots, fields and ditches. A



native of the southwestern states.

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