



Weed of The Week

Hairy Galinsoga (*Galinsoga parvifolia.*)

This week's feature weed is also referred to as Shaggy Soldier due to its quick growth and unkempt appearance! Hairy Galinsoga is a member of the Asteraceae family and native to Mexico but has become established in much of the United States. This plant is considered a summer annual but can have multiple generations in one season. Hairy Galinsoga can be found growing in many different habitats but seems to prefer disturbed crops, gardens, and vegetable production. This plant can reach heights of 2ft tall with multiple branches that have a tendency to spread out wild, crowding out other vegetation. The leaves of this plant are triangular and deeply veined. The edges of the leaves are toothed, and the surface of the leaf is dark green, but the underside is light green in color. The surface of the leaf and stems of Hairy Galinsoga are very hairy as the name implies. The main form of reproduction is by seed and this usually takes place in late spring and early summer. Hairy Galinsoga will produce many clusters of white flowers with a yellow center disc known for attracting pollinators. Due to Hairy Galinsoga rapid growth habit, it can be very competitive with short-lived summer annual crops such as vegetables. A few methods of controlling can be hand removal or tillage before the reproduction phase. Using no-till or mulch crops can also aid in preventing the growth and establishment of Hairy Galinsoga. Herbicide options include 2-4-D, Glyphosate, Dicamba, fluroxypyr, Sulfentrazone, Sulfosulfuron, Triclopyr, and Trifloxysulfuron.

