

Wavyleaf basket grass (*Oplismenus hirtellus* subsp. *undulatifolius*)

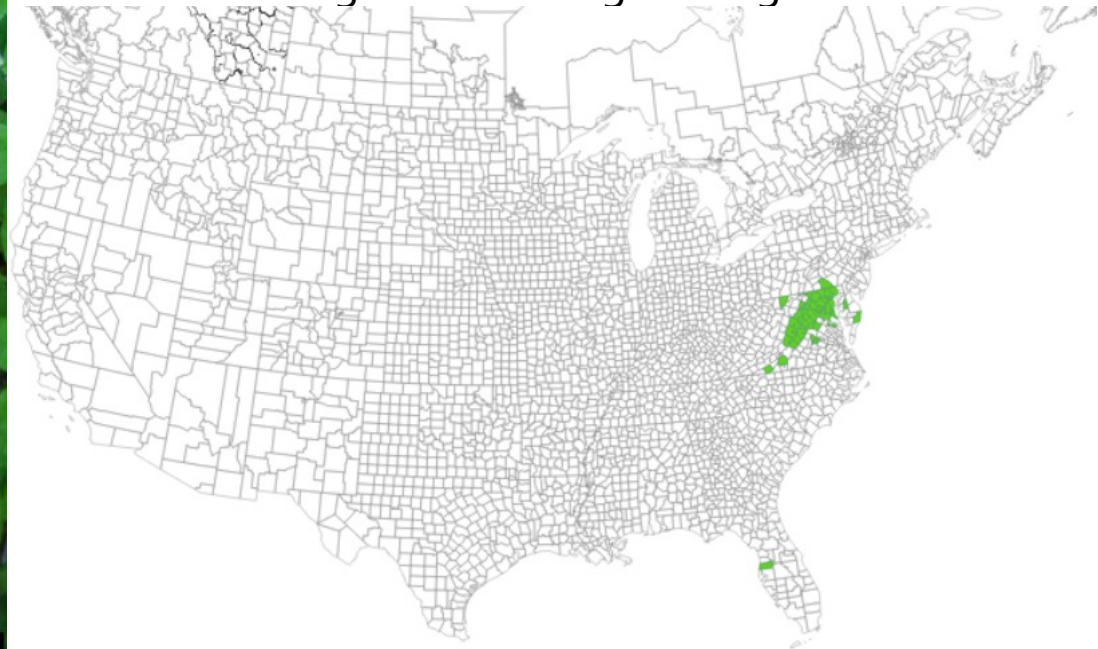


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- Short, clonal, perennial forest grass with broad, wavy leaves
- Habitats it invades:
 - Forests
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Prohibited (not escaped here yet)
 - Not regulated in neighboring states



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Leaves alternate

- Plants 0.5-1' tall
- Stems often lying on the ground, rooting at the nodes
- Leaf blades to 0.8" wide, wavy across their surface
- Sheaths and stems hairy
- Forms dense patches



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Spikelets

- Small panicles with 2-10 short branches
- Spikelets 2.2-3.5 mm long with 2 florets; late fall
- Glumes with sticky awns



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Wavyleaf basket grass look alike



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No other grass in the region has leaves with wavy surfaces like wavyleaf basket grass (*Oplismenus hirtellus* subsp. *undulatifolius*). Like Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) (I), wavyleaf basket grass can form extensive patches on forest floors. However, Japanese stiltgrass **lacks wavy leaves**, is an **annual**, and has **spikelets borne in pairs**.



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