

Weed of the Month – August Pest Management Newsletter

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This weed is commonly found in pastures, roadsides, and marginal areas, and stands out as it can grow over 6 feet tall (Figure 2). It is a perennial, emerging from existing rootstock in the spring. In addition to emerging and spreading from existing rootstock, this plant produces viable seed that is often dispersed by wind. Its leaves are alternately arranged on hairy stems and are finely dissected, giving this plant a feathery appearance (Figure 1).

Most preemergent herbicides that control small-seeded broadleaves are effective in preventing new plants from emerging but will not control established plants. Postemergent herbicide applications are most effective before plants are knee-high. Pasturegard (triclopyr + fluroxypyr), Grazon P+D (picloram + 2,4-D, Weedmaster (2,4-D + dicamba), and Crossbow (triclopyr + 2,4-D) are effective herbicides to manage this weed in pastures.



Figure 1. Photo courtesy of the University of Missouri.



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