

# Arthraxon hispidus

**NON-NATIVE  
INVASIVE**



## small carpetgrass

Family	Poaceae		
Origin	Non-native		
WIS Code	FAC	CoC	-5

### DESCRIPTION

*Arthraxon hispidus* is a low, hairy, mat-forming grass. The branched stems are 0.5 m long and decumbent (lying along the ground and then curving upright). The leaves are 2.5 to 7.5 cm long with a clasping heart-shaped base. The lower edge of the leaf and leaf-sheath are distinctly hairy.



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### FLOWERS AND FRUITS

September through October. Flowers are found at the stem tips and leaf axils (where leaf meets the stem), and flower spikes are 1.2 to 7 cm long. Spikelets are pale green to purplish.

### HABITAT

Poorly drained fields, disturbed floodplains, stream banks and ditches.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

Sometimes confused with *Microstegium vimineum*, Japanese stiltgrass, especially before flowering. The leaves of Japanese stiltgrass have a shiny midrib and do not clasp the stem.



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*Microstegium vimineum*