

## Invasive Species Field ID

### *Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers.

Synonym(s): *Capriola dactylon*, *Panicum dactylon*

Family: Poaceae (Grass Family)

Common Name(s): Bermudagrass

Duration: Perennial

Habit: Grass/Grasslike

USDA Plants: [CYDA](#)



**Description:** Highly variable sod-forming perennial with extensive creeping rhizomes and stolons, to 0.4 m tall. Bermudagrass is commonly grown as durable turf or forage in tropical to warm temperate regions nearly worldwide. Numerous hybrids and cultivars have been developed, including some that tolerate cooler conditions. Because of its vigorous creeping habit, bermudagrass is a noxious weed in many situations where warm season moisture is ample. Contact with plants can cause dermatitis in sensitive individuals, and the pollen is a common allergen. Introduced from Africa.

**Biology & Spread:** Reproduces vegetatively from creeping rhizomes and stolons and by seed. Rhizome and stolon fragments disperse with landscaping and agricultural activities, and soil movement. Re-growth from fragments is greatest from soil depths to 5 cm (2 in).

