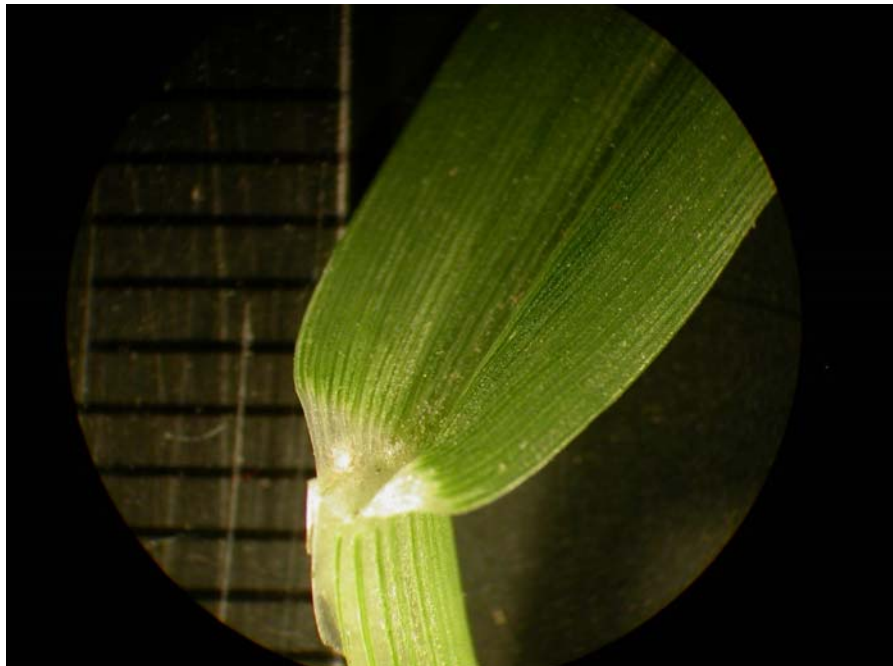


Goosegrass



Seedling. Key characteristics: stems are flattened and the ligule is a very short membrane. There are a few sparse hairs in the collar region. Leaf blades are smooth and folded.





Vegetative plants. Key characteristics: plant tillers in a spoke-like fashion and tillers are whitish at the base. Leaf blades are distinctly folded. Goosegrass thrives in hard, compacted sites, such as this parking lot on the University of Missouri campus.





Tillering plant. Key characteristics: tillers are arranged in a spoke-like fashion, distinctly flattened and have a whitish coloration at the base. Photo courtesy of Mr. Brad Fresenburg, MU Dept. of Horticulture.



Inflorescence. Key characteristics: seedhead is robust and has a zipper-like appearance.



Seed.

Life cycle: summer annual.