

Buckhorn plantain

Plantago lanceolata L.

Family: Plantaginaceae (Plantain family)

Life cycle: Perennial, reproducing by seed

Habitat: Turf, landscapes, pastures

General description: Basal rosette of narrow, parallel-veined leaves. Leaves reach lengths up to 10 in long and 1 in wide. Flowers form on leafless, unbranched stems up to 2 ft tall; flowers tightly clustered in a spike up to 2 in long.

Key ID traits: Rosette of narrow leaves; flower spike on long stalk.

Miscellaneous: Due to its sensitivity to 2,4-D and other growth regulator herbicides, buckhorn plantain is much less common in turf than it formerly was.

