

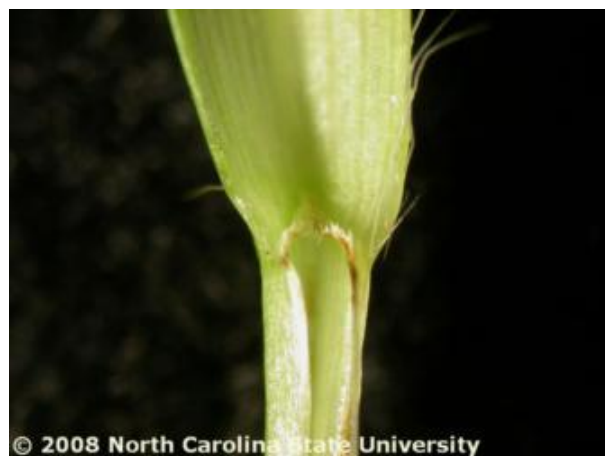
Carpetgrass

[*Axonopus affinis* Chase]

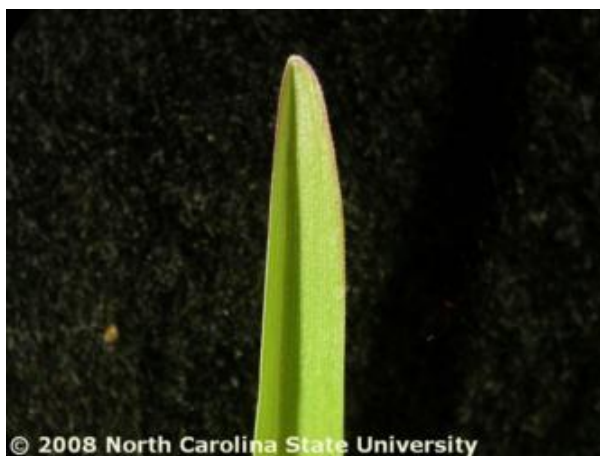
Carpetgrass is a slow-growing, medium-green (and sometimes greenish yellow), coarsely textured turfgrass that is adapted to low-maintenance, general-purpose turf. It prefers full sun to moderate shade and performs well in wet, shady, acidic soils where other grasses may not. Carpetgrass looks very similar to centipedegrass except that it produces a crabgrass-like seedhead, and centipedegrass has hairs along the edges of the leaves.



Characteristic	Description
Seedhead / Flower	raceme; 2-5 spikes in each head; spikes broad at base, and tapering to a point
Vernation Type	leaves folded in the bud
Ligule Type	short, fringe of hairs fused at the base, 0.04 inches (1 mm) wide
Growth Season / Life Cycle	warm season turf or perennial weed
Auricle Type	absent
Leaf Blade Tip Shape	boat shaped
Leaf Blade Width	0.16 - 0.31 inches (4 - 8 mm) wide
Stolon Presence	present
Rhizome Presence	absent
Collar Type	continuous; not hairy or with only a few hairs
Sheath Margin	open; sheath has few long hairs on margin
Sheath Type	flattened



carpetgrass ligule



carpetgrass leaf blade tip

Note: Still not sure this is the right turfgrass? [The Turf & Weed Identification Decision Aid](#) may help. Check the TurfFiles [glossary](#) for definitions of unfamiliar terms.

Need help in selecting the best turfgrass for your particular situation? The [Turf/Cultivar Selection Decision Aid](#) will help you sort through the options which are available. For more information on turfgrass/cultivar

selection, establishing a new lawn, caring for a new lawn, or renovating a lawn, see [AG-69, Carolina Lawns](#). For management information, check the [maintenance calendar](#).

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