

# AVOID JAPANESE STILTGRASS

## Don't spread Japanese stiltgrass!



**Brush off** your clothes, shoes, other belongings and pets before leaving your local park



**Stay** on designated pathways and trails



**Ensure** your outdoor equipment and tools are free of soil and plant parts before moving from one area to another



**Contact CFIA** if you detect Japanese stiltgrass outside of known infested areas

Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) is a federally regulated invasive plant that has been found and is under treatment in various locations in Ontario. It spreads primarily by seeds. Japanese stiltgrass disrupts eco-systems by out-competing native plants, obstructing forest regeneration, changing soil chemistry, and impacting habitats for birds and other wildlife.

Scan this QR code if you find plants or seeds



### What it looks like?

Stems are branched and can grow up to 1 metre tall. Leaf blades are pale green, canoe-shaped, and have a light-coloured, shiny stripe down the centre. In late summer, slender flower spikes are found at the end of the stems. Plants develop a slightly purplish colour in autumn.



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