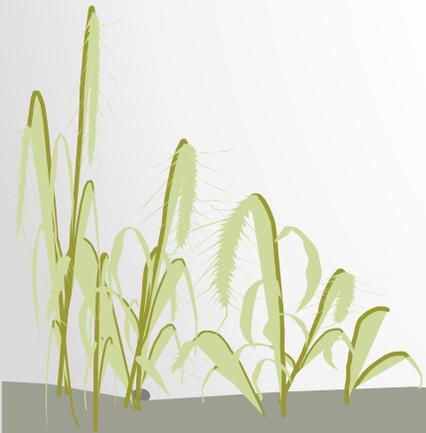


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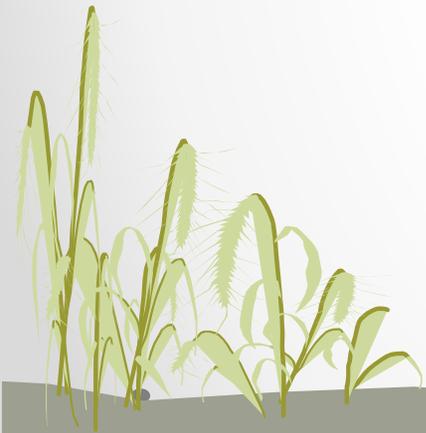
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Definition of a Weed

- Any plant that is unwanted, out of place, or just has no desirable value, can be considered a weed



Types of Weeds

- Broadleaf

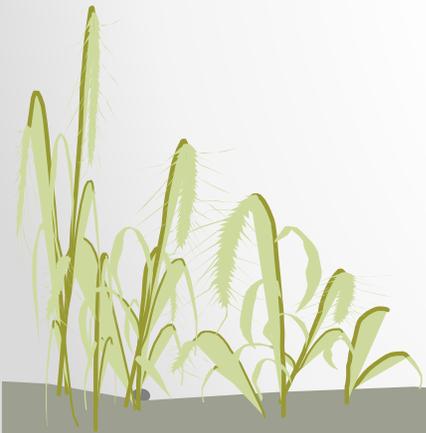


- Grassy



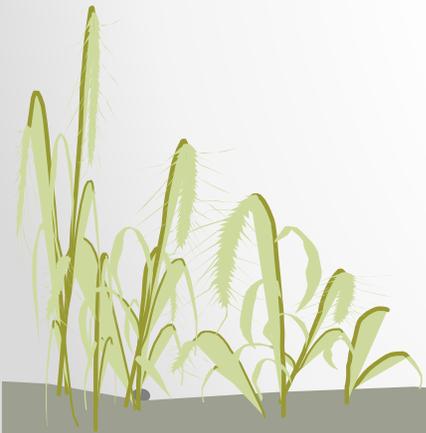
Characteristics of Weeds

- Annual
- Biennial
- Perennial



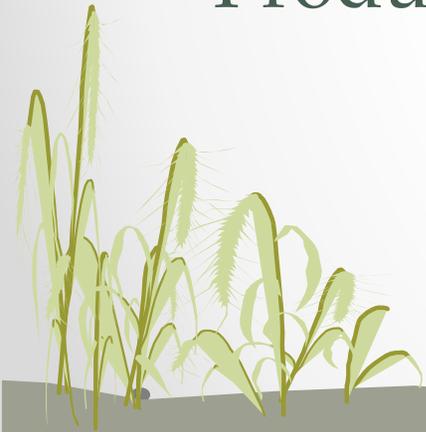
Classifications of Weeds

- Grow anywhere
- Prolific seed production
- Sprout early, grow fast



Problems Associated with Weeds

- Compete for soil nutrients
 - Interfere with quality and harvest
 - Serve as hosts for diseases, shelters for insects
- Produce toxic and poisonous chemical substances



Matthew 13:24-27

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

24. Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;
25. but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.
26. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.
27. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’



Matthew 13:28-30

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

28. He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'
29. But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.
30. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.""



Matthew 13:31-33

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

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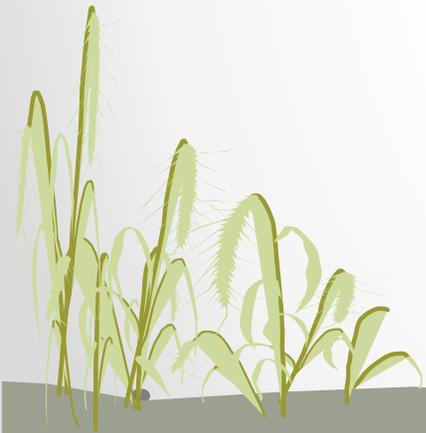
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Matthew 13:34-35

Prophecy and the Parables

34. All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them,
35. that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world." [b]



Matthew 13:36-39

The Parable of the Tares Explained

36. Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”
37. He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
38. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*.
39. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.



Matthew 13:40-43

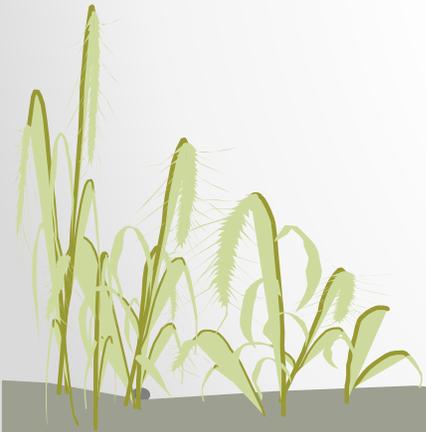
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40. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.
41. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,
42. and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
43. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!



Why Parables?

- Parables challenge our thinking, help us identify and see, but sometimes need interpretation.



Four Lessons to Learn

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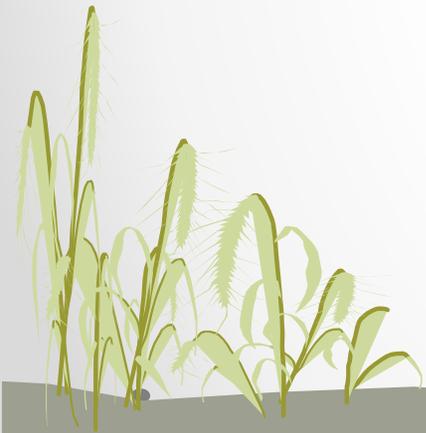
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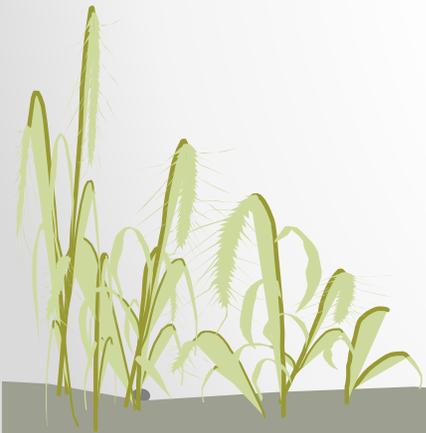
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3. What are some ways to get rid of them?



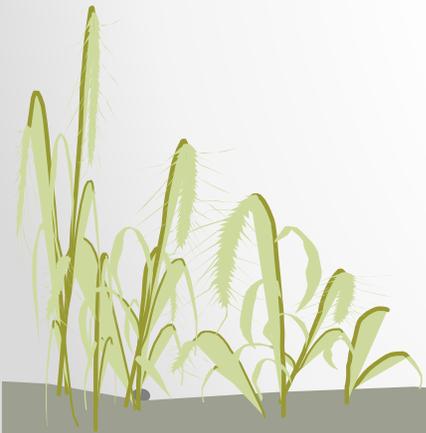
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Four Lessons to Learn

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Heirloom Seeds

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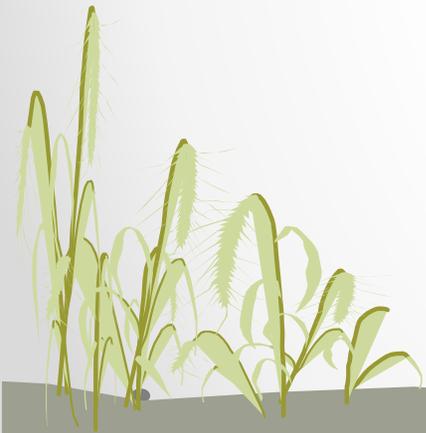
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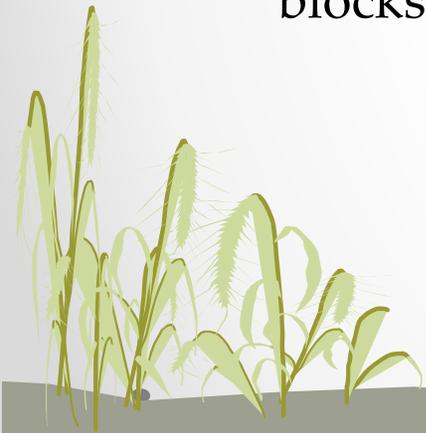
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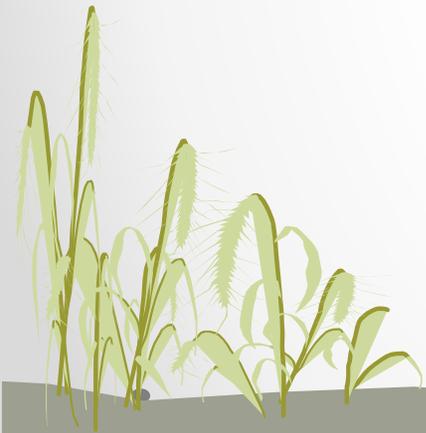


Conclusions

**** We will always have weeds in this life****

- How we handle them ...
- How we are different from them ...
- Who and how they are ultimately removed ...

matters!



Our Goal

The image of the garden with blooming flowers and plants soaking up the SON!!

