



FBMG Help Desk  
**Question of the Week**

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This is popping up all over my yard. In my grass and in my flower beds what is it? What should I do?

*Dicondra! Friend or foe? Let's take a look...*



# *In the Eyes of the Beholder*

## *Embraced and Sought after by Some*

*A perennial in the morning glory family, Dichondra can be found throughout much of the United States. It thrives in a variety of conditions. It grows well in moist soils, will tolerate shade, and in some areas is used as an alternative to grass. It's trailing nature makes it an attractive filler/ spiller in flower containers as well as a stand-alone in hanging baskets. It has been used as a ground cover, a filler in-between paving stones and in some areas a natural weed control in flower beds.*

**Can be found commercially**

**Is easy to propagate**

**Spreads Freely**





# The Best Defense

## *A Healthy Turf*

**A healthy lawn, healthy soil and a properly maintain watering system are the best defense to keep Dichondra from becoming an unwelcome weed.**



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- Have your soil tested to make sure that you apply the correct nutrients.
- Check your hoses, sprinklers and irrigation to ensure that they are functioning properly and dispensing proper water amounts.
- Dethatch, aerate and top dress your lawn in the spring after the last frost.
- When applying fertilizers always follow the directions exactly.



## Friend or Foe

# This versatile plant poses the question of ornamental or weed?



If you would like to have this plant in your landscape, it can be grown from seeds, or plants. You need only pick the variety that you desire and decide where to plant it.

*Always maintain yard tools to make sure they are in good shape and clean. This practice helps to ensure healthy plants and lawn.*

If you would prefer your yard to be free of this plant then you can first pull it up, maintain a healthy turf and if you decide to treat make sure to follow the directions on the back of the container. Remember that not all grasses respond the same to herbicides.





*Do you have questions  
about your home  
landscape and plants?*

*Contact the Fort Bend  
Master Gardener Help Desk*

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*The Help Desk is manned  
Monday thru Friday,  
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[Dollarweed | Home & Garden Information Center \(clemson.edu\)](https://www.clemson.edu/home-garden-information-center/)

DOLLARWEED

<https://ipm.ucanr.edu/agriculture/turfgrass/sensitivity-of-turf-species-to-herbicides/>

<https://www.lsuagcenter.com/profiles/aiverson/articles/page1548366267689>

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/24682-2/>

[How to Set and Calibrate Your Irrigation System and HGIC 1805, Landscape Irrigation Management Part 6: Soil Type and Irrigation Frequency.](#)

<https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/growgreen/factsheets/weeds.pdf>

[Carolina Dichondra | College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences | Clemson University, South Carolina](#)

[How to Grow & Care for Dichondra | Garden Design](#)

<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=25497>

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[ag.arizona.edu/classes/lar520/unit9/dichmicr.htm](http://ag.arizona.edu/classes/lar520/unit9/dichmicr.htm) (Ponyfoot Dichondra)

[Dichondra \(lsuagcenter.com\)](#)

[Louisiana Home Lawn Series: Dichondra 3624-GG](#)

[Microsoft PowerPoint - FFL-Lawn Alternatives-All-MG Webinar-2018-handout \(ufl.edu\)](#)

[Healthy Lawns—Dichondra \(ucanr.edu\)](#)

[Weed of the Month – Dichondra | Home & Garden Information Center \(clemson.edu\)](#) WEED OF THE MONTH – DICHONDRA

<https://www.npsot.org/posts/native-plant/dichondra-argentea/>  
[Dichondra carolinensis \(Native\) \(tamu.edu\)](#)

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