



## Know the Story of Your Soil.

### WHAT COMMON WEEDS TELL US ABOUT OUR SOIL

*Good or bad, weeds in a garden are there for a reason and are nature's band-aid for injured landscapes. Identifying weeds by soil type can help fix whatever soil issues may be present in order for us to have the beautiful gardens we all dream of.*

#### **Fertile soil**

*Many common weeds like healthy, fertile soil, with a specific preference for manure or composted soils that are rich in organic matter. In fact, this is often the best home for:*

Foxtail  
Chickweed  
Chicory  
Horehound  
Lambsquarter  
Mallow  
Plantain  
Thistle

**Acidic soil** is usually a result of insufficient oxygen, and supports:

Hawkweed  
Sorrel  
Moss  
Plantain

#### **Alkaline soil**

Chicory  
Queen Anne's lace  
Spotted spurge  
Chickweed

Gardening Know How: Common Garden Weeds: Identifying Weeds By Soil Type <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/lawn-care/lgen/what-the-weeds-in-your-lawn-are-telling-you.htm>

#### **Poor soil and low fertility**

Yarrow  
Ragweed  
Dandelion  
Thistle  
Crabgrass  
Plantain  
Clover  
Mullein  
Sorrel  
Wild carrot (Queen Anne's lace)

#### **Poorly drained soil**

Spotted spurge  
Knotweed  
Moss  
Bindweed  
Sedge  
Chickweed  
Goosegrass  
Ground ivy (creeping charlie)  
Speedwell  
Violet

#### **Overly dry soil**

Garlic Mustard  
Carpetweed  
Russian thistle  
Yarrow  
Speedwell

#### **Heavy, clay soil**

Horsenettle  
Pennycress  
Mouse-ear chickweed  
Morning glory  
Quack grass  
Plantain  
Bermuda grass  
Knotweed