



Japanese Stiltgrass
(*Microstegium vimineum*)

- Grows from 0.5 to 4' tall, in a branching, sprawling manner
- Stems resemble a delicate bamboo; stem nodes hairless
- Annual grass with all thin roots
- Leaves alternate, lance-shaped, up to 3" long with a silvery stripe down the middle of the upper surface
- Flower clusters on 1 to 5 densely-packed, spike-like branches each with many pairs of green spikelets
- Late fall leaf color is orange to purple
- Invades forests and creek sides throughout Monroe County