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**Habitat:** Occurs on stream banks, river bluffs, floodplains, forested wetlands, moist woodlands, early successional fields, uplands, thickets, gas and power-line corridors, lawns and gardens.

**General Description:** An annual in the grass family resembling a small, delicate bamboo that threatens native under story vegetation in full sun to deep shade. It spreads opportunistically following disturbance to form dense patches.

**Distinctive Characteristics:** Leaves are pale green, lance-shaped about 3 inches in length with a shiny midrib. It spreads vegetatively by rooting at joints along the stem and by seed.

**Growth Habit:** Graminoid

**Distribution:** Found throughout the United States

# Japanese Stiltgrass

## *Microstegium vimineum*



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Family: Poaceae (Grass Family)