

Sphagneticola trilobata

Wedelia

Sphagneticola trilobata (L.) Pruski
Syn. *Wedelia trilobata*

Family: Asteraceae

Description: Creeping, matted herb. Round stems, to 13 ft long, rooted at nodes. Leaves serrate, sometimes lobed, glossy, 3.5 inches long by 2 inches wide. Daisy-like flowers, disc and ray petals yellow. A popular ornamental groundcover. *Sphagneticola*; meaning unclear; *trilobata* refers to the shape of the leaves^(5, 70). Reclassified recently; most literature will list the genus as *Wedelia*⁽⁷⁰⁾.

Distribution: Native to American tropics. Invades pastures and forests in moist to wet areas vegetatively; seed generally infertile. Occurs on all the main islands and Midway⁽⁷⁰⁾.

Environmental impact: Displaces low-growing plants in pastures and disturbed forest sites.



Management: Sensitive to dicamba and 2,4-D, but probably best at a minimum of 2 lb/acre. Sensitive to triclopyr in crop oil applied by the drizzle method but probably at 2 lb/acre or more.