



## Common Lespedeza

**Introduction:** Common Lespedeza, *Lespedeza striata*, is a wiry, freely branched summer annual legume with a prominent midvein and parallel veins. It is especially troublesome in centipedegrass lawns because it forms weedy patches that are dark green in color. Lespedeza forms small pinkish purple flowers in late summer.



**Preemergence Control:** For Excellent control in Centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass, Zoysiagrass, and Bermudagrass, Dimension 1EC (dithiopyr) can be used. Dimension can also be used on Seashore Paspalum and Carpetgrass. For fair control in Centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass, Bahiagrass, Zoysiagrass, and Bermudagrass Specticle (indaziflam) or Aatrex 4L (atrazine) may be used. Use atrazine only on dormant Bermudagrass.

TRADE NAME	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	LEVEL OF CONTROL*
Aatrex 4L	Atrazine	Fair
Dimension 1EC	Dithiopyr	Excellent
Specticle	Indaziflam	Fair

**Postemergence Control:** For excellent control in Centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass, Zoysiagrass, and Bermudagrass, Aatrex 4L (atrazine), Princep (simazine), Blindside (sulfentrazone + metsulfuron) or Manor (metsulfuron) can be used. Do not apply atrazine to actively growing Bermudagrass. For good control in the above grasses Trimec Southern (MCP+2,4-D+dicamba) can be used. Celsius 68WG (thiencarbazone+iodosulfuron+dicamba) provides fair control. For all of the above turfgrasses but St. Augustinegrass Confront (triclopyr+clopyralid) can be used for excellent control. Do not apply this around shallow rooted trees or shrubs.

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Aatrex 4L	Atrazine	Excellent
Princep, Wynstar	Simazine	Excellent
Manor, Mansion	Metsulfuron	Excellent
Trimec Southern	MCP+2,4-D+dicamba	Good
Celsius 68WG	thiencarbazone+iodosulfuron+dicamba	Fair
Confront	triclopyr+clopyralid	Excellent
Blindside	sulfentrazone + metsulfuron	Good to Excellent

\*Excellent=90-100%, Good=80-89%, Fair=70-79%