Witchweed *(Striga asiatica (L.) Kuntze)*

**Description:**
- Slender, 4-sided stems
- Narrow, opposite leaves
- Bright red flowers

**Host Plants:**
- Corn
- Sorghum
- Pearl millet
- Crabgrass
- Rice
- Sugar cane

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**U.S. Distribution:**
- SC: Horry, Dillon, Marion and Marlboro counties
- NC: Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen and Columbus counties

**Flowers:**
- July through first frost
- Bright red
- 5 petals, bilabiate

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**Dust-like seeds of *Striga* placed next to metric ruler and a strand of human hair**

After germination, *Striga* seeds develop hair-like structures that hold the parasite to its host’s roots for incorporation into the vascular system. This underground stage is the most damaging to crops.