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Brushing Up on Weed Identification

With what felt like a never ending Winter, the end is finally in sight! The sign of Spring has been in the air for a while now - the snow is gone, robins are back and being able to get out to the shop for some final tweaking of planters before the Spring crazies of #Plant18 begin. While you may feel prepared for this year's planting season to begin, take a few minutes to refresh your identification skills for weeds that are commonly mistaken for one another.

Lamb's Quarters vs. Spreading Atriplex



Early in the season, Lamb's Quarters can be identified by the first one or two leaf pairs being opposite to one another.



Once the true leaves develop, the distinction between these weeds becomes more evident. Lamb's Quarters has a more triangular-shaped leaf & no lobe on the leaf base.



Looking closely at the young plant, Spreading Atriplex has larger cotyledons. As it develops, it takes on more of a spreading nature.



The key to identifying Spreading Atriplex at later growth stages are the lobes found on the base of the leaves.

Sow Thistle vs. Dandelion



Unlike Dandelions, Sow Thistle leaves look like there are fine little teeth on them.

On the other hand, Dandelions have deeply notched leaves with no fine teeth on them.



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Stay tuned to see quick ID facts on more weeds as the season progresses!

