

QUICK REFERENCE: 3 EASILY MIXED UP WEEDS

SEASON: *spring*

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PURPLE DEAD NETTLE

- *Lamium purpureum*
- also called red deadnettle or purple archangel
- leaves are hairy with a strong flavor
- triangular or spade shaped leaves
- leaves start out green, but most often develop purple tops over time
- leaves grow in opposite pairs, crowded together along the stem
- the small bilateral flowers are lavender, purple-ish, or purple-ish pink
- flowers & flower buds are hairy

CREeping CHARLIE

- *Glechoma hederacea*
- also called ground ivy, gill-over-the-ground, run-away-robin
- has a minty, herbal, pungent scent when crushed
- leaves have a strong, peppery flavor
- kidney shaped leaves with scalloped edges
- leaves grow on little stalks, opposite from each other on a square stem
- funnel shaped flowers are purple, to purple-blue; emerging from leaf axils
- lower lip of flowers has darker purple spots and streaks

HENBIT

- *Lamium amplexicaule*
- also called henbit deadnettle, hen and bitty, or giraffe's head
- light, mild green taste
- opposite scalloped, wrinkly leaves
- upper leaves wrap directly against the stem
- sprawling plant, that has multiple stems from a single taproot
- there are long stretches of stem between the leaves
- bright pink to pink-purple tubular flowers with darker spots on the lower lip



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