Classification and identification of common weeds

The weeds can be annual or perennial with annual weeds completing their life cycle up to production of seeds within one growth year while perennial weeds take more than 1 year for them to complete a growing cycle.

Weed control

Weed control can take a variety of forms ranging from cultural, mechanical to chemical control measures.
Cultural weed control can be done through mulching and proper spacing to suppress weed growth.
Mechanical weed control is done by using garden equipment like hoes to dig down the weeds or by manually pulling out the weeds using hands.
Chemical weed control involves the use of different chemical sprays to control weeds. The herbicides can be pre- emergence used before the weeds come out or post emergency used after the weeds develop leaves. When post emergence herbicides are used, it is best that they are used when the weeds have less than 4 true leaves to maximize efficiency.