

Now we have a lawn that looks like this section.



Birds and assorted critters like our place.

These berries grow wild



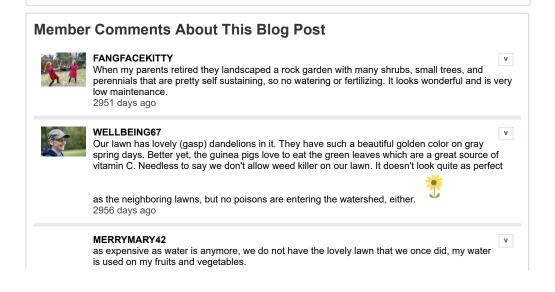
I thought they might be wild strawberries. Hmm, no. I'm told that they're inedible "snake berries." I still have much more to learn.

I think the USA leads the world in lawn acreage. Since retirement we've been traveling a lot, many times to Europe. We've observed lots of gardens, but not a lot of lawns. Perhaps the time, effort and money we put into our perfect lawns could be better spent elsewhere?

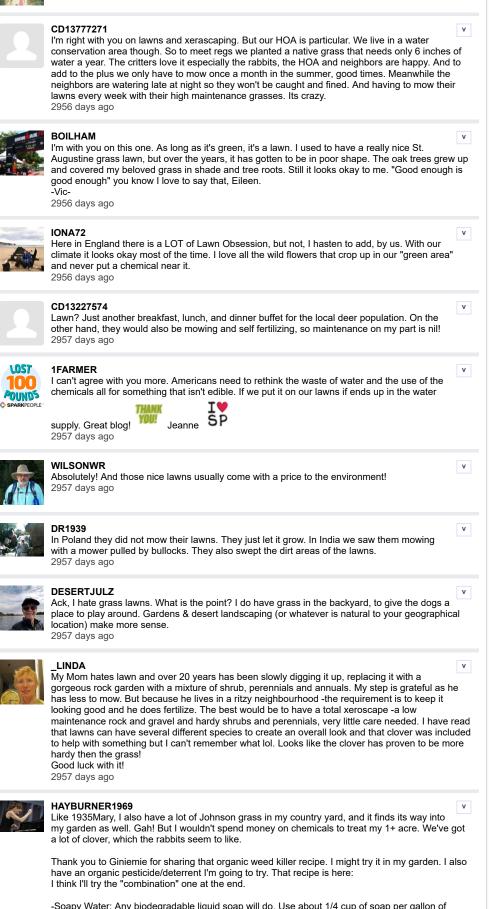
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-Soapy Water: Any biodegradable liquid soap will do. Use about 1/4 cup of soap per gallon of water, and rinse the plants with clean water an hour or so after you spray them so the soap doesn't burn their leaves.

	- Oily Water: Blend about 1/4 cup canola or olive oil with one gallon of water and spray on plant Remember to shake the spray bottle frequently to keep things mixed up.	s.
	- Hot Pepper Spray: Puree 4 or 5 chili peppers with a gallon of water, strain, and spray. This is even more effective if you let the puree age for a day or so before you strain and use it.	
	- Garlic Spray: Puree a head of garlic with a gallon of water, strain, and spray. This won't kill existing bugs, but it is a great deterrent.	
	Combination Spray: Be creative! For instance, a chili-garlic-oil spray will kill existing bugs and deter future ones. An oil-soap spray is a double-whammy bug killer with a built-in emulsifier. 2957 days ago	
	CELIAMINER DH and I dislike "better living through chemistry," so we let our lawn go the way it wants to go. Unfortunately, we do have a homeowners association, but I did my part by getting elected to the board ;-)	v
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B	-SHOREIDO- Green Eye candy!! :) Sure. Make the neighborhood look all dressed and pretty. Sure,why not!! But not getting the home owners assoc thingget those guys off your back. Sounds like they reall good at stressing folks out PS	v 're
	Love the smell of fresh cut grass!! Have a great week-end!	
220	MISCHAKEO Also we have a high percentage of golf courses which also use chemicals and water!	v
	Enjoy your yard!!! 2957 days ago	
¥	SWEETNEEY interesting 2957 days ago	V
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	I'm anti-lawn chemicals, but living in a subdivision means we have to conform or be fined. soMy raised beds are filled with dirt and composted Alpaca manure that I get from a friend wit goat/alpaca farm. I do not use chemicals other than dish soap for some of the bugs, beer in cap for slugs and other Rodale Press suggestions from years ago. Unfortunately our HOA is anti So panels, artificial turf, which would at least alleviate the need for chemicals and changes in the landscaping w/o prior permission. I just found a weed killer made with 1/2 gallon cider Vinegar, 1/2 tsp of Dawn and 1/4 c. table sa and squirt it on the weeds. I'm trying it on the dandelions and crab grass soon.	os olar
VA	WATERMELLEN I'm anti-lawn: our "lawn" is comprised of stone crop, creeping thyme, clover, violets, dandelions, and various naturarlized bulbs including scylla, grape hyacinths etc. Pretty!! Not applying chemicals: no herbicides, no pesticides (the skunks love the grubs). Uniculture is totaliltarian.	V
	So there it is. Too bad, so sad for all those (and yup, there have been some vocalizations!) who don't like it. 2957 days ago	1
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	1935MARY Living in the country I knew right away that those was snake berries I have seen them all my	v



life.One thing about grass it grows and grows, along with everything else. We have allot of Johnson grass it is a nightmare grows in clumps tall and thick and is a very tough grass. Enjoy your retirement . People with perfect yards spends tons of money on them and time or pays someone else to take care of them. Have a great day. 2957 days ago

