

There are three types of clover-like flowers that like to grow in our lawns. We only collect 3 species for the Invaders Program but many of the others are non-native as well.

1. Melilotus; 20 species, all non-native. The two I have seen here are '*M. officinalis*' (on the list) and '*M. indicus*' (not on the list). These plants are very similar with the main difference being a slightly larger inflorescence and a slightly taller growth habit in MEOF. These have a much shrubbier growth habit and a much larger inflorescence than the other two types.
2. Medicago; 85 species from the Old World. The four species I have seen here are '*M. scutellata*' (smooth spiral fruit which we saw at TRAC), '*M. polymorpha*' and '*M. minima*' (larger and smaller spiny fruit respectively), and '*M. lupulina*' (fruit looks like a tiny bunch of grapes). Basically the main diagnostic feature is 'funky looking fruit'. None of these are on our list.
3. Trifolium; 238 species worldwide, except Australia. We collect two of them for the Invaders Program. '*T. campestre*' has a slightly larger inflorescence and the middle leaflet, which has a long petiole, extends past the side leaflets. '*T. dubium*' has a smaller inflorescence and the middle leaflet is in line with the two outer leaflets because it has little or no petiole.