On the Cover: Weedy or red rice (Oryza sativa) infests cultivated rice fields worldwide, reducing yields and causing great economic losses. In recent years, use of herbicide resistant (HR) rice cultivars known as Clearfield rice has increased greatly in the United States, providing an option to control weedy rice using imidazolinone herbicides. However, the impact of HR cultivated rice on the evolutionary dynamics of U.S. weedy rice has not been explored. In this issue, Burgos et al. (pp. 1208–1220) characterize the morphology and population structure of weedy rice that has acquired the herbicide resistance trait, sampled from cultivated fields with a history of Clearfield use. Great morphological variation is seen in HR weedy rice, with some plants exhibiting reduced weediness in terms of reduced seed dormancy, later flowering, and reduced seed shattering. A significant portion of the local rice crop genome is introgressed into HR weedy rice, though crop-weed introgression occurred very rarely prior to Clearfield use. Whereas the majority of weedy rice in the United States prior to Clearfield use had straw-colored hulls, black-colored hulls predominate among contemporary HR weedy rice. Genotyping-by-sequencing data confirm that the evolution of HR weedy rice is a consequence of preferential hybridization between cultivated rice and historical black-hull weedy populations. The cover shows a cultivated rice field in Arkansas with at least two seasons of Clearfield use, which is being sampled for escaped weedy rice plants. The inset is a straw-hull weedy rice plant sampled from the field. Cover image credits: David Gealy, Nilda Burgos (photography) and Ana Caicedo (design).

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