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[54] **SUBSTITUTED PHENOXYBENZOIC ACIDS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Metal salts and amine salts of 2-nitro-5-(halophenoxy)-benzoic acids comprise a class of compounds that are highly effective pre- and post-emergence herbicides.

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SUBSTITUTED PHENOXYBENZOIC ACIDS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

Matter enclosed in heavy brackets [ ] appears in the original patent but forms no part of this reissue specification; matter printed in italics indicates the additions made by reissue.

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending application Ser. No. 194,479, filed Nov. 1, 1971, now U.S. Pat. No. 3,776,715 which is a division of application Ser. No. 819,412, filed Apr. 25, 1969, now U.S. Pat. No. 3,652,645.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

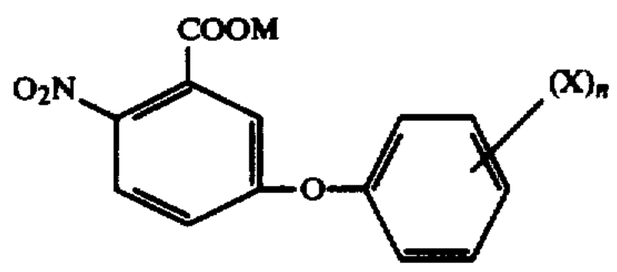
This invention is concerned with certain phenoxybenzoic acid salts and their use as herbicides.

2. Description of the Prior Art

It has been proposed to use as herbicides 2-methoxybenzoic acids (U.S. Pat. No. 3,013,054) and 4-phenoxybenzoic acids (French Pat. No. 1,502,538). It is the discovery of this invention, however, that benzoic acids having a phenoxy substituent in the 5-position are very effective herbicides. U.S. Pat. No. 3,475,427 discloses a position isomer of the acids disclosed herein. This isomeric acid and its salts are ineffective as herbicides.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention provides the method for controlling plant growth that comprises applying an herbicidal amount of an herbicidal compound having the formula:



wherein X is halogen, n is 1 to 5, and M is alkali metal (Li, Na, K), alkaline earth metal (Ca, Mg, Ba, Sr), transition metal (e.g. Cu, Fe), ammonium, alkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), alkanolammonium (C_1–C_3), alkyl (C_1–C_{30})dialkanol(C_2–C_3)ammonium, dioxyalkylene(C_2–C_3)alkyl(C_1–C_{30})-ammonium, dialkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), trialkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), alkoxyalkylammonium ($C_2$14 C_6), dialkoxyalkyl ammonium (C_3–C_6), aminoalkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), dialkylaminoalkylammonium (C_3–C_8), alkenylammonium (C_2–C_{22}), alkyl(C_1–C_{30})aminoalkyl(C_2–C_6)ammonium, alkenyl(C_2–C_{30})aminoalkyl(C_2–C_6)-ammonium, alkynyl(C_3–C_{12})ammonium, dialkenylammonium (C_4–C_{12}), cycloalkylammonium (C_3–C_6), alkyl(C_1–C_{30})ammoniumalkyl(C_2–C_6)ammonium, benzylammonium, anilinium, substituted anilinium, guanidinium, or heterocyclicammonium (C_4–C_6); and an herbicidal composition containing said compound.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC EMBODIMENT

The compounds of this invention are readily prepared by the Ullmann ether synthesis reaction between the alkali metal (Na, K) salt of a halophenol and a 5-halo (Cl, Br)-2-nitrobenzoic acid or an ester, amide, or salt thereof. The 5-halo-2-nitrobenzoic acid is readily prepared by nitrating a m-halotoluene, followed by oxidation of the methyl group by well-known procedures. Generally, the salts of this invention are prepared from the halophenoxybenzoic acid, using well known salt forming procedures.

The salts contemplated herein include metal salts, ammonium salts, and amine salts. The metal salts are the alkali metal salts (Li, Na, K); alkaline earth metal salts (Ca, Mg, Ba, etc.); and transition metal salts (Cu, Fe, etc.).

In addition to the salts of ammonia, the amine salts contemplated include salts of primary amines, secondary amines, tertiary amines, aryl amines, and heterocyclic amines. The primary amines can have 1–30 carbon atoms and can be saturated or unsaturated straight chain, branched chain, or cyclic. Non-limiting examples of primary amines are methylamine; ethylamine; n-propylamine; isopropylamine; n-butylamine; dodecylamine; triacontylamine; allylamine; 2-propynylamine; cyclohexylamine; propargylamine; isobutylamine; sec-butylamine; 2-ethylamine; cyclopropylmethylamine; t-butylamine; 1,1-dimethyl-2-propynylamine; 1,1-diethyl-2-propynlamine, tallow amine (E.G. Armeen I), 2,2-diethyl-2-dimethoxy ethylamine; 1-ethylnylcyclohexylamine and benzylamine.

The secondary amines can have 2–30 carbon atoms and can be saturated or unsaturated, straight chain, branched chain, or cyclic. Non-limiting examples of secondary amines are dimethylamine, diethylamine, dibutylamine, dioctylamine, ditetradecylamine, diallylamine, di-2-hexenylamine, dicyclohexylamine, methylethylamine, methyl cyclohexylamine, diisopropylamine, diisopentylamine, ethyl cyclohexylamine, (3-aminopropyl)alkenylamine wherein the alkenyl group has 16 to 18 carbon atoms; (3-aminopropyl)alkenylamine wherein the alkenyl group has 18, 20 and 22 carbon atoms; and dihydrogenated tallow amine (e.g. Armeen 2HT).

The tertiary amines can have 3–30 carbon atoms and can be saturated or unsaturated, straight chain, branched chain, or cyclic. Non-limiting examples of tertiary amines are trimethylamine, dimethyl ethylamine, triethylamine, tributylamine, trioctylamine, triallylamine, triisopentylamine, tricyclohexylamine, dimethyl octylamine, n-hexadecyldimethylamine (e.g. Armeen DM16D), n-octadecyldimethylamine (e.g. Armeen DM18D), methyl di-hydrogenated tallowamine (e.g. Armeen M2HT), and methyl di-cocoamine (e.g. Armeen M2C).

Non-limiting examples of arylamines are aniline; 2-chloroaniline; 3-chloroaniline; 4-chloroaniline; 2-methyl-4-chloroaniline; 2,4-dichloroaniline; 3,4-dichloroaniline; 2,6-dichloro-4-nitroaniline; m-trifluoromethylaniline; isopropylaniline; p-methoxyaniline; N-methoxymethyl-2,6-diethylaniline; α-naphthylaniline; N-sec-butyl-4-t-butyl-2,6-dinitroaniline; 3-amino-2,5-dichlorobenzoic acid; N,N-dipropyl α, α, α-trifluoro-2,6-dinitro-p-toluidine; 4-bromo-3-chloroaniline;4(4'-chlorophenoxy)aniline; N^3, N^3-diethyl-2,4-dinitro-6-trifluoromethyl-m-phenylenediamine; p-dimethylaminoaniline; diphenylamine; p-bromoaniline; m-aminophenyl-t-butylcarbamate; o-phenylenediamine; m-phenylenediamine; 4-dimethylamino-3,5-dimethylphenol; 4-methylsulfonyl)-2,6-dinitro-N,N-dipropylaniline; 3,5-dinitro-N,N-dipropylsulfanilamide; N-sec-butyl-2,6-dinitroaniline; m-toluidine; p-toluidine; m-t-

butylaniline; o-anisidine; p-anisidine; dimethylaniline; o-nitroaniline; p-nitroaniline; and 4,4'-oxydianiline.

Non-limiting examples of heterocyclic amines are 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole; 2-chloro-4-ethylamino-6-isopropylamino-s-triazine; pyridine; piperidine; piperazine; morpholine; 4,4'-dipyridyl; 8-hydroxyquinoline; 4-amino-6-t-butyl--
-(methylthio)-1,2,4-triazine-5(4H)-one; 6-ethoxy-1,2-dihydro-2,2,4-trimethylquinoline; indole; hexahydro-1H-azepine; 4-amino-5-chloro-2-phenyl-3(2H)-pyridazinone; pyrrole; imidazolidine; isoquinoline; 2,4-lutidine; 2-methyl-5-ethylpyridine; 2-dimethyl aminopyridine; α-picoline; β-picoline; γ-picoline; quinoline; and 4,4'-dipyridine.

Non-limiting examples of other salt-forming amino compounds contemplated are 2-chloroethyl dimethylamine; diethanolamine; quanidine; dodecylguanidine; 3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea; 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea; Fenuron; Tandex β-alanine; methyl glycine; glycinamide; aminoacetonitrile; aminoethanthiol; aminoacetic acid; diethyl ethanolamine; diethylenetriamine; isopropanolamine; diisopropanolamine; triisopropanolamine; ethylenediamine; hexamethylenetetramine; hydrazine; phenothiazine; sulfanilic acid; tetraethylenepentamine; thiourea; urea; triethanolamine; triethylenetetramine; diethanol soyaamine (e.g. Ethomeen S-12) and didacaoxyethyene soyaamine (e.g. Ethomeen S-20).

The following example illustrates the preparation of a typical compound of this invention and demonstrates a method for product recovery.

EXAMPLE 1

Methyl 2-nitro-5-(2',4',6'-trichlorophenoxy)benzoate.

A stirred solution of methyl 5-chloro-2-nitrobenzoate (17.0 g., 0.079 mole) and the potassium salt of 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (18.6 g., 0.079 mole) in dimethyl sulfoxide (100 ml.) was heated at 90° for 17 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was diluted with water (500 ml.) and then extracted with ether (3×100 ml.). The combined ether fractions were washed with 10% sodium hydroxide solution (2×30 ml.) and then with a saturated aqueous sodium chloride solution. The ether solution was dried (Na_2SO_4) and the solvent evaporated to give a dark oil. Two crystallizations (petroleum ether) gave 1.91 g. of a pale yellow solid, m.p. 101°-103°.

Example 1

I.R. (numol): c=o 1723, c—o 1240, and 1260 cm^{-1}

NMR ($CDCl_3$): methyl 3.91 ppm (3H), quartet
6.96 ppm (1H, J=2.5 and 8 c.p.s.), doublet
7.05 ppm (1H, J=2.5 c.p.s.), broad singlet
7.05 ppm (2H), and doublet 8.01 ppm (1H, J=8 c.p.s.).

EXAMPLES 2 THROUGH 24

The ester of Example 1 was hydrolyzed to the corresponding acid and, using known salt-forming methods, salt compounds within the scope of this invention were prepared.

These compounds are identified below, wherein "A" represents a 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate group, "B" represents a 2-nitro-5-(2',4',6'-trichlorophenoxy) benzoate group, "C" represents a 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichloro-6'-fluorophenoxy)benzoate and "D" represents a 2-nitro-5-(2'-chloro-4'-fluorophenoxy)benzoate;

2. sodium B.
3. ethanolammonium B.

4. dimethylammonium B.
5. potassium A.
6. arachidyl (90%)-behenyl (10%) ammonium A.
7. arachidyl (90%)-behenyl(10%)aminopropylammonium A.
8. arachidyl (90%)-behenyl(10%)ammonium-propylammonium bis-[A].
9. isobutylammonium A.
10. n-butylammonium A.
11. methoxypropylammonium A.
12. copper bis-[A].
13. 2,2-dimethoxyethylammonium A.
14. t-butylammonium A.
15. benzylammonium A.
16. allylammonium A.
17. diallyammonium A.
18. ethanolammonium A.
19. 3-dimethylaminopropylammonium A.
20. cyclohexylammonium A.
21. di-n-butylammonium A.
22. N,N-dimethyl-3-(4-methyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl)butylammonium A.
23. 4-[3-(4-methyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl)butyl]morpholium A.
24. N,N-dimethyl-3,3-dimethyl-2-norbornylethylammonium A.
29. calcium A.
30. n-propylammonium A.
31. 4(4'-aminophenoxy)anilinium A.
32. 4(4'-phenoxyammonium)anilinium A.
33. 2-propynylammonium A.
34. ammonium A.
35. diethanolammonium A.
36. triethanolammonium A.
37. methylammonium A.
38. trimethylammonium A.
39. isopropylammonium A.
40. sec-butylammonium A.
41. 2-dimethylaminopyridine A.
42. piperidine A.
43. morpholine A.
44. ethylammonium A.
45. diethylammonium A.
46. triethylammonium A.
47. p-methoxyanilinium A.
48. alkenyl(C_{16}–C_{18})aminopropylammonium A.
49. alkenyl(C_{18}–C_{20})aminopropylammonium A.
50. o-methoxyanilinium A.
51. m-methoxyanilinium A.
52. m-toluidine A.
53. p-toluidine A.
54. guanidine A.
55. anilinium A.
56. di(cyclohexyl)ammonium A.
57. 3,4-dichloroanilinium A.
58. m-chloroanilinium A.
59. p-chloroanilinium A.
60. isopropanolammonium A.
61. diisopropylammonium A.
62. 1,1-dimethyl-2-propynylammonium A.
63. 1,1-diethyl-2-propynylammonium A.
64. 1-ethynylcyclohexylammonium A.
65. n-dodecylamine[a] A. a=Armeen 12D
66. di(hydrogenated tallow)amine[b] A. b=Armeen 2HT
67. n-hexadecyldimethylamine[c] A. c=Armeen DM16D

68. n-octadecyldimethylamine[d] A. d=Armeen DM18D

69. methyl di(hydrogenated tallow)amine[e] A. e=Armeen M2HT

70. methyl di-cocoamine[f] A. f=Armeen M2C

71. diethanol soyaamine[g] A. g=Ethomeen S-12

72. di(decaoxyethylene)soyaamine[h] A. h=Ethomeen S-20

73. 4,4'-dipyridinium A.

74. pyridinium A.

75. triisopropanolammonium A.

76. tallowamine[i] A. i=Armeen T

77. diethanolammonium C.

78. triethanolammonium C.

79. p-methoxyanilinium C.

80. ethanolammonium C.

81. sodium C.

82. ammonium C.

83. cyclohexylammonium C.

84. morpholine C.

85. o-methoxyanilinium C.

86. diethanolammonium B.

87. triethanolammonium B.

88. p-methoxyanilinium B.

89. cyclohexylammonium B.

90. morpholine B.

91. o-methoxyanilinium B.

92. diethanolammonium D.

93. triethanolammonium D.

94. p-methoxyanilinium D.

95. ethanolammonium D.

96. sodium D.

97. ammonium D.

98. cyclohexylammonium D.

99. morpholine D.

100. o-methoxyanilium D.

For comparison, a position isomer of the acids used to form the salts of this invention was prepared, as described in U.S. Pat. No. 3,475,427. Salts of this isomeric acid were prepared by known salt-forming methods. These compounds are:

(25) 2-nitro-3-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoic acid.

(26) ethanolammonium 2-nitro-3-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.

(27) n-propylammonium 2-nitro-3-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.

(28) potassium 2-nitro-3-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.

The compounds of this invention can be applied in various ways to achieve herbicidal action. They can be applied per se, as solids or in vaporized form, but are preferably applied as the toxic components in pesticidal compositions of the compound and a carrier. These compositions are preferably applied directly to the soil and incorporated therewith. The compositions can be applied, as granulars or dusts; as liquid sprays, or as gas-propelled sprays and can contain, in addition to a carrier, additives such as emulsifying agents, binding agents, gases compressed to the liquid state, odorants, stabilizers, and the like. A wide variety of liquid and solid carriers can be used. Non-limiting examples of solid carriers include talc, bentonite, diatomaceous earth, pyrophyllite, fullers earth, gypsum, flours derived from cotton seeds and nut shells, and various natural and synthetic clays having a pH not exceeding about 9.5. Non-limiting examples of liquid carriers include water, organic solvents such as alcohols, ketones, amides and esters, mineral oils such as kerosene, light

oils, and medium oils and vegetable oils such as cottonseed oil.

In practice, herbicidal application is measured in terms of pounds of herbicide applied per acre. The compounds of this invention are effective herbicides when applied in herbicidal amounts, i.e., at rates between about 0.2 pounds and about 10 pounds per acre.

HERBICIDAL EFFECTIVENESS

Method of Propagating Test Species

Crabgrass	*Digitaria sanguinalis*
Yellow foxtail grass	*Setaria glauca*
Johnson grass	Sorgum Halepense
Barnyard grass	*Echinochloa crus-galli*
Amaranth pigweed	*Amaranthus retroflexus*
Field bindweed	*Convoluvulus arvensis*
Velvet leaf	*Abutilon theophrasti*
Turnip	Brassica sp.
Cotton	*Gossypium hirsutum* var. DPL smooth leaf
Corn	Zea Mays var. Golden Bantam
Bean	*Phaseolus vulgaris* var. Black Valentine

All crop and weed species are planted individually in 3 inch plastic pots containing potting soil. Four seeds of each of corn, cotton, and snapbeans are seeded to a depth equal to the diameter of the seed. All other species are surface seeded and sprinkled with screened soil in an amount sufficient to cover the seeds. Immediately after planting, all pots are watered by sub-irrigation in greenhouse trays. Pots for the pre-emergence phase are seeded one day before treatment.

Planting dates for the post-emergence phase are varied so that all the seedlings will reach the desired stage of developments simultaneously. The proper stage of seedling development for treatment in the post-emergence phase is as follows:

GRASSES:	2 inches in height
PIGWEED, BINDWEED, VELVET LEAF & TURNIPS:	1 or 2 true leaves visible above cotyledons
COTTON:	first true leaf 1 inch in length; expanded cotyledons
CORN:	3 inches–4 inches in height
BEANS:	primary leaves expanded; growing point at primary leaf node.

Method of Treatment

Spray applications are made in a hood containing a movable belt and fixed spray nozzle. For passage through the spray hood, one pot of each species (pre-emergence phase) is placed on the forward half of a wooden flat and one pot of established plants (post-emergence phase) is placed on the rear half of the flat. Treatments are moved to the greenhouse after spraying. Watering during the observation period is applied only by subirrigation.

Compounds are screened initially at a rate of application equivalent to four to eight pounds per acre. Two weeks after treatment the pre- and post-emergence percent injury is visually rated. Subsequent testing can be carried out at 2,1 and 0.5 pounds per acre.

Herbicidal testing of the compounds of Examples 2 through 24 and 30 through 100 and the isomeric com-

pounds showed the results set forth in Table I. The plants are tabulated using the following abbreviations:

TABLE I

Compound Ex. No.	Dosage Lbs./Acre	Pre-/Post-Emergence										
		CG	YF	JG	BG	PW	BW	VL	TP	CT	CN	BN
2	8	50/80	—/—	30/60	40/60	—/—	—/—	—/—	90/100	50/100	0/40	50/100
3	8	20/30	—/40	30/40	30/30	100/—	—/—	—/—	90/100	50/100	0/40	80/70
	4	—/—	—/—	—/—	—/—	—/100	—/—	—/—	—/100	—/—	—/—	—/—
	2	—/—	—/—	—/—	—/—	100/100	—/—	—/—	90/100	—/—	—/—	—/—
4	4	0/30	—/—	0/40	0/—	0/60	—/—	—/—	0/50	0/70	0/100	100/60
	4	0/100	—/—	0/—	0/—	0/—	0/—	70/—	90/100	0/100	0/—	0/80
	2	0/10	—/—	0/—	0/—	0/—	0/—	40/—	70/90	0/100	0/—	0/40
5	6	0/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	—/—	—/—	100/100	30/100	0/—	30/100
	1	20/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	—/—	—/—	100/90	0/20	0/—	0/90
6	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	60/—	100/—	—/—	—/—	100/100	0/90	0/—	0/90
	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	20/—	—/—	0/—	40/—	80/100	20/100	0/—	0/0
	0.5	0/20	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	90/—	70/90	30/70	30/—	0/20
7	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	60/—	100/—	—/—	—/—	90/100	0/80	0/—	0/0
	1	20/0	—/—	90/—	20/—	—/—	70/—	80/—	70/90	0/70	30/—	0/30
	0.5	30/20	—/—	0/—	30/—	—/—	60/—	50/—	70/80	40/50	0/—	0/20
8	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	40/—	100/—	—/—	—/—	90/90	0/30	0/—	0/50
	1	0/30	—/—	0/—	30/—	—/—	70/—	60/—	90/90	50/100	0/—	0/50
	0.5	20/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	50/—	80/100	80/90	0/—	30/30
9	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	70/—	—/—	40/—	100/—	100/100	40/90	0/—	0/90
10	2	20/20	—/—	0/—	50/—	—/—	90/—	100/—	100/80	100/100	20/—	0/50
11	2	20/0	—/—	40/—	50/—	—/—	100/—	100/—	100/100	100/100	0/—	20/70
12	10	0/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	90/—	—/—	—/—	100/90	40/30	20/—	—/—
13	2	0/0	—/—	50/—	50/—	—/—	90/—	20/—	100/90	30/100	0/—	0/—
14	2	20/0	—/—	40/—	20/—	—/—	30/—	20/—	100/90	0/100	30/0	0/—
15	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	30/—	—/—	40/—	20/—	100/100	50/100	0/—	0/—
16	2	30/0	—/—	0/—	20/—	—/—	80/—	20/—	100/70	100/100	0/—	0/—
17	2	0/20	—/—	50/—	30/—	—/—	90/—	20/—	80/80	30/100	0/—	0/—
18	2	30/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	30/—	20/—	90/100	100/100	0/—	0/—
19	2	20/0	—/—	70/—	20/—	—/—	50/—	20/—	100/100	0/40	0/—	20/—
20	2	0/0	—/—	40/—	0/—	—/—	60/—	30/—	100/80	0/100	20/—	0/—
21	2	0/0	—/—	30/—	20/—	—/—	50/—	20/—	100/100	50/100	0/—	0/—
22	2	0/0	—/—	40/—	0/—	—/—	80/—	30/—	90/100	0/100	0/—	0/—
23	2	0/20	—/—	30/—	0/—	—/—	70/—	20/—	60/60	0/20	0/—	0/—
24	2	0/0	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	70/—	20/—	60/90	0/100	20/—	0/—
25	4	0/0	—/—	0/—	30/—	—/—	20/—	0/—	0/0	0/0	0/—	0/0
26	4	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	0/—	0/0	0/0	20/—	0/0
27	4	0/0	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	0/—	0/20	0/0	0/—	0/0
28	4	40/0	—/—	0/—	60/—	—/—	20/—	0/—	0/0	20/0	20/—	0/0
29	10	10/10	—/—	10/—	10/—	—/—	100/—	80/—	100/100	10/70	10/—	10/60
30	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	100/—	40/—	90/90	0/100	0/—	30/0
31	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	30/—	50/—	100/80	90/40	0/—	0/0
32	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	40/—	70/—	90/90	30/40	0/—	0/0
33	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	30/—	90/—	100/—	0/30	0/—	0/20
34	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	80/—	90/100	0/60	0/—	0/100
35	1	0/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	40/—	70/90	0/70	0/—	0/100
36	1	0/0	—/—	0/0	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	60/90	0/60	0/—	0/100
37	1	0/0	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	40/—	60/—	70/90	0/100	0/—	0/100
38	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	50/—	70/90	0/90	30/—	0/100
39	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	30/—	70/100	0/100	0/—	0/100
40	1	0/30	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	80/100	0/100	0/—	0/100
41	1	0/30	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	80/—	90/100	0/100	0/—	0/100
42	2	20/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	80/—	90/100	0/100	0/—	0/100
43	2	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	60/—	90/—	90/90	0/90	30/—	0/90
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47	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	60/—	90/90	0/20	20/—	0/30
48	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	60/—	70/90	0/40	0/—	0/0
49	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	50/—	50/100	0/40	0/—	0/70
50	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	80/—	90/—	100/90	0/100	0/—	0/100
51	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	80/—	80/—	90/90	0/90	0/—	0/90
52	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	80/—	100/90	30/90	40/—	0/90
53	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	30/—	80/—	90/100	0/90	0/—	0/90
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57	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	80/—	100/90	0/90	30/—	0/100
58	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	100/—	80/—	90/90	30/100	0/—	0/100
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65	1	0/0	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	40/—	50/—	90/90	50/60	0/—	0/50
66	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	0/—	20/50	40/—	0/—	0/0
67	1	0/30	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	90/90	20/50	0/—	0/100

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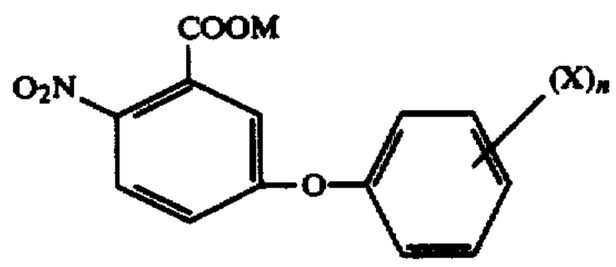
68	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	60/—	70/90	0/30	0/—	0/90
69	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	70/90	0/90	30/—	0/100
70	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	50/—	70/90	0/90	0/—	0/100
71	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	30/—	40/—	60/90	0/60	0/—	0/100
72	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	40/—	30/—	50/90	0/50	0/—	0/100
73	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	50/—	90/90	0/90	0/—	0/90
74	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	80/—	90/90	30/70	0/—	0/100
75	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	40/—	40/100	0/90	0/—	0/100
76	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	50/—	60/100	30/80	0/—	0/100
77	1	0/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	60/—	90/100	20/40	0/—	0/40
78	1	0/20	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	20/—	50/—	90/100	20/50	0/—	0/30
79	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	30/—	80/—	90/100	0/90	0/—	0/0
80	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	90/—	90/90	0/100	0/—	0/50
81	1	0/30	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	20/—	70/—	80/90	0/100	0/—	0/30
82	1	0/—	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	20/—	90/—	90/—	0/—	0/—	0/—
83	1	30/20	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	100/—	70/—	100/100	20/100	0/—	0/30
84	1	0/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	50/—	100/—	100/100	20/50	0/—	0/50
85	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	60/—	90/—	100/100	0/40	0/—	0/30
86	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	20/—	90/80	0/20	0/—	0/0
87	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	80/80	0/20	0/—	0/0
88	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	60/—	80/20	20/20	0/—	20/—
89	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	20/—	60/100	0/30	0/—	0/40
90	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	20/—	80/—	100/90	20/30	30/—	0/40
91	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	40/—	70/—	90/90	0/30	0/—	0/20
92	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	30/50	0/0	0/—	0/90
93	1	0/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	0/60	0/0	0/—	0/80
94	1	0/20	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	30/—	20/90	0/60	0/—	0/100
95	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	80/—	70/60	0/90	0/—	0/90
96	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	60/—	60/50	0/40	0/—	0/80
97	1	0/0	—/—	20/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	40/—	60/40	0/30	0/—	0/90
98	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	40/—	40/70	20/90	0/—	0/60
99	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	0/—	70/—	90/70	0/100	0/—	0/100
100	1	0/0	—/—	0/—	0/—	—/—	30/—	70/—	80/80	0/80	0/—	0/100

Crabgrass	CG
Yellow foxtail grass	YF
Johnson grass	JG
Barnyard grass	BG
Pigweed	PW
Bindweed	BW
Velvet leaf	VL
Turnip	TP
Cotton	CT
Corn	CN
Bean	BN

Although the present invention has been described with preferred embodiments, it is to be understood that modifications and variations may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention, as those skilled in the art will readily understand. Such modifications and variations are considered to be within the purview and scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. The method for controlling plant growth that comprises applying an herbicidal amount of an herbicidal compound having the formula:



wherein X is halogen, n is 1 to 5, and M is alkali metal (Li, Na, K), [alkaline earth metal, a transition metal, ammonium, alkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), alkanolammonium (C_1–C_3), alkyl (C_1–C_{30}) dialkanol (C_2–C_3) ammonium, dioxyalkylene (C_2–C_3) alkyl (C_1–C_{30})ammonium, dialkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), trialkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), alkoxyalkylammonium (C_2–C_6) dialkoxyalkylammonium (C_3–C_6), aminoalkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), dialkylaminoalkylammonium (C_3–C_8), alkenylammonium (C_2–C_{22}), alkyl (C_1–C_3-0aminoalkyl (C_2–C_6) ammonium, alkenyl (C_2–C_{30}) aminoalkyl (C_2–C_6) ammonium, alkynyl (C_3–C_{12}) ammonium dialkenylammonium (C_4–C_{12}), cycloalkylammonium (C_3–C_6), alkyl (C_1–C_{30}) ammonium alkyl (C_2–C_6) ammonium, benzylammonium, anilinium, substituted anilinium, guanidinium or heterocyclicammonium (C_4–C_6).] *alkylammonium* (*C_1–C_4*), *or alkanolammonium* (*C_1–C_3*).

[2. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is butylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

[3. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is methoxypropylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy) benzoate.]

[4. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is cyclohexylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy) benzoate.]

[5. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is 2,2-dimethoxyethylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

[6. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is allylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

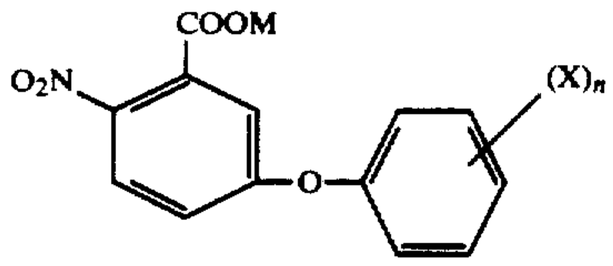
[7. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is arachidyl (90%) behenyl (10%) aminopropylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

[8. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is potassium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said compund is ethanolammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4',6'-trichlorophenoxy)-benzoate.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is sodium 2-nitro-5-(2',4',6'-trichlorophenoxy)benzoate.

11. An herbicidal composition comprising a carrier for an herbicide and an herbicidal amount of an herbicidal compound having the formula:



wherein X is halogen, n is 1 to 5, and M is alkali metal (Li, Na, K), [alkaline earth metal, a transition metal, ammonium, alkylammonium (C_14 –C_{30}), alkanolammonium (C_1–C_3), alkyl (C_1–C_{30}), dialkanol (C_2–C_3) ammonium, dioxyalkylene (C_2–C_3) alkyl (C_1–C_{30})ammonium, dialkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), trialkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), alkoxyalkylammonium (C_2–C_6) dialkoxyalkylammonium (C_3–C_6), aminoalkylammonium (C_1–C_{30}), dialkylaminoalkylammonium (C_3–C_8), alkenylammonium (C_2–C_{22}), alkyl (C_1–C_{30}) aminoalkyl (C_2–C_6) ammonium, alkenyl (C_2–C_{30}) aminoalkyl (C_2–C_6) ammonium, alkynyl (C_3–C_{12})ammonium, dialkenylammonium (C_4–C_{12}), cycloalkylammonium (C_3–C_6), alkyl (C_1–C_{30}) ammonium alkyl (C_2–C_6) ammonium, benzylammonium, anilinium, substituted anilinium, guanidinium or heterocyclicammonium (C_4–C_6).] *alkylammonium* (C_1–C_4), *or alkanolammonium* (C_1–C_3).

[12. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is butylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

[13. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is methoxypropylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

[14. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is cyclohexylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate]

[15. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is 2,2-dimethoxyethylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

[16. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is allylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)benzoate.]

[17. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is arachidyl (90%) behenyl (10%) aminopropylammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy benzoate.]

[18. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is potassium 2-nitro-5-(2',4'-dichlorophenoxy)-benzoate.]

19. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is ethanolammonium 2-nitro-5-(2',4',6'-trichlorophenoxy)benzoate.

20. The composition of claim 11, wherein said compound is sodium 2-nitro-5-(2',4',6'-trichlorophenoxy)-benzoate.

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