

Carpetweed

Mollugo verticillata L.



Life cycle

Prostrate, mat-forming summer annual.

Leaves

Whorled, smooth, light green leaves (up to eight per node) are spatula-shaped to oblong with a rounded tip and tapered to the base.

Stems

Smooth, prostrate stems with prolific branches form light green, circular mats.

Flowers and fruit

Small, white to greenish white flowers on slender stalks occur in clusters of up to five in the leaf axils. Fruit are small, three-parted, egg-shaped capsules that contain orange-red to orange-brown, glossy, kidney-shaped seeds.

Reproduction

Seeds.



Carpetweed flowers and fruit.



Carpetweed flower.



Carpetweed seedling.



Carpetweed plant.

Molluginaceae (Carpetweed family)