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## Prostrate pigweed

*Amaranthus blitoides* S. Wats.

### Life cycle

Prostrate, mat-forming summer annual.

### Leaves

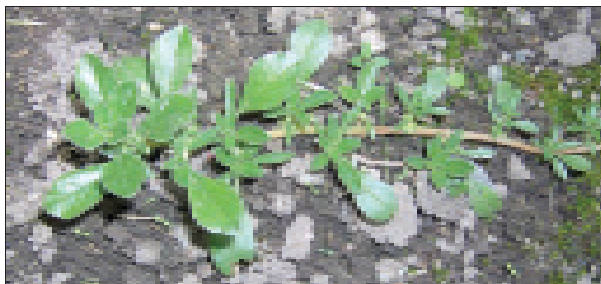
Alternate and pale green to shiny, dark green leaves are oblong, oval to egg-shaped with pointed, rounded to slightly indented leaf tips. Leaf margins are smooth and usually whitish. Leaves are numerous at the stem ends.



Prostrate pigweed seedling.

### Stems

Prostrate and nearly smooth, light green to reddish stems form thick, circular mats. Stems may be 1 to 3 feet long and mostly erect at the tip.



Prostrate stem and shiny green foliage of prostrate pigweed.

**Amaranthaceae (Amaranth family)**

## Prostrate pigweed *continued*

### Flowers and fruit

Small, greenish flowers are found in dense clusters in the leaf axils. Flowers have bracts as long as the sepals and yield small, round, shiny black seeds.

### Reproduction

Seeds.



Prostrate pigweed foliage and flower clusters.