

Common chickweed

Stellaria media L. Vill.



Life cycle

Patch-forming, prostrate winter annual.

Leaves

Opposite, light green, rounded to egg-shaped leaves with pointed tips and smooth margins are hairless and short, hairy petioles.

Stems

Prostrate, smooth stems are spreading and branching to form dense patches. Stems are slender with upper portions growing erect.

Flowers and fruit

Small, white flowers have five petals.

Each petal is notched deeply, resembling a pair of petals. Green, hairy sepals surround petals. Fruit are slightly curved, cylindrical-shaped capsules that contain many tiny, brown seeds.

Reproduction

Seeds.



Common chickweed flower.



Common chickweed plant.



Common chickweed foliage and flowers.

Caryophyllaceae (Pink family)

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Similar weeds

Mouseear chickweed

(*Cerastium fontanum* ssp. *vulgare*
[Hartman] Greuter & Burdet)

Differs by having a perennial habit with densely hairy, stalkless leaves and dark green foliage.



Mouseear chickweed seedling.



Mouseear chickweed plant.



Mouseear chickweed flowers.



Mouseear chickweed flowering stem.