

# Common lambsquarters

*Chenopodium album* L.



## Life cycle

Erect summer annual.

## Leaves

Cotyledons are oblong, narrow and linear with no midvein and a dull green to gray cast. The first one or two leaf pairs are opposite; all remaining leaves are alternate. Mature leaves are highly variable, being triangle-, diamond- or lance-shaped and light green above with gray, mealy undersides. Lower leaves have a petiole and irregular way to shallowly toothed margins. Young or newly emerged leaves often have a gray, mealy coating on both surfaces.



Common lambsquarters seedling.



Common lambsquarters cotyledons do not have midveins.



Common lambsquarters leaf.

**Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot family)**

## Stems

Erect, moderately branched central stem up to 6 feet in height.

Mature stems are vertically grooved with red, purple or light green stripes.



Common lambsquarters plant.

## Flowers and fruit

Green, inconspicuous flowers are found in dense, granular clusters at the stem ends. Round to oval, somewhat flattened, black to brown, shiny seeds are enclosed by a star-shaped, papery covering.

## Reproduction

Seeds.



Mature seedhead of common lambsquarters.