

Kochia

Kochia scoparia L.



Life cycle

Erect, branched bushy summer annual.

Leaves

Cotyledons are narrowly elliptic, dull green above, purplish on the underside and covered in soft hairs. Hair-fringed leaves are alternate, lanceolate to elliptic with short or no petioles.

Stems

Erect, highly branched stem is moderately hairy and reaches heights up to 6 feet. Stems are round and generally red to purple.

Flowers and fruit

Green, inconspicuous flowers with long, hairy bracts are found in leaf axils on terminal panicles. Irregular, grooved brown seeds are enclosed by a bladder-like utricle.

Reproduction

Seeds.



Kochia seedling.



Grooved stem.



Kochia flowers and fruit.