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## **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**

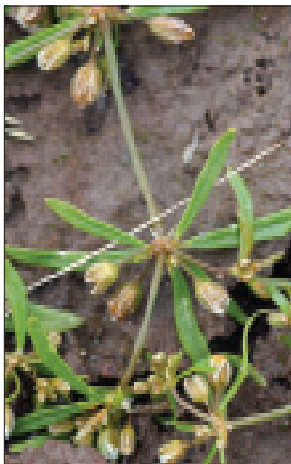
Seeds.



Carpetweed seedling.

**Molluginaceae (Carpetweed family)**

## Carpetweed *continued*



Carpetweed flowers and fruit.



Carpetweed flower.



Carpetweed plant.

**Molluginaceae (Carpetweed family)**