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## Common mallow

*Malva neglecta* Wallr.

### Life cycle

Spreading annual or biennial.

### Leaves

Cotyledons are heart-shaped with three main veins. Leaves are alternate, rounded with a heart-shaped base, palmately veined, hairy and found on long, slender, hairy petioles. Margins are round-toothed and obscurely lobed.

### Stems

Spreading and partly erect stems are branched from the base and up to 1 foot tall.

### Flowers and fruit

Flowers have five white and purple-tinged petals; flowers are formed on stalks in the leaf axils. Fruit are capsules that resemble a button or cheese wheel. Each capsule contains 12 to 15



Common mallow seedling.

## Common mallow *continued*

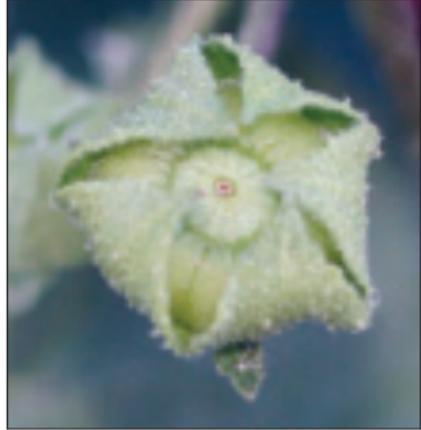
compartments; each compartment has one red-dish brown to black, flattened, rounded seed with a notch.

### Reproduction

Seeds and stem fragments.



Common mallow flower.



Common mallow fruit.



Common mallow plant.

**Malvaceae (Mallow family)**

## Common mallow *continued*



Common mallow leaf.

### Similar weeds

#### **Venice mallow** (*Hibiscus trionum* L.)

Differs by having leaves with three distinct, coarsely toothed lobes that may be further divided into as many as seven lobes; and pale yellow flowers with a purple base.



**Malvaceae (Mallow family)**

**Common mallow *continued***



Venice mallow flower.



Venice mallow leaf.



Venice mallow plant.

**Malvaceae (Mallow family)**