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Corn speedwell

Veronica arvensis L.

Life cycle

Prostrate, spreading winter annual.

Leaves

Lower and middle leaves are opposite, broadly egg-shaped, hairy, short-stalked with rounded teeth along the margins. Small, narrow, bractlike upper leaves are alternate and without petioles.



Actual size of lower (left) and upper (right) leaves of corn speedwell.

Stems

Prostrate and mat-forming, with many branches that spread from the base.

Flowers and fruit

Light blue to violet, inconspicuous flowers are



Corn speedwell plants.

Scrophulariaceae (Figwort family)

Corn speedwell *continued*

formed in the axils of the upper bractlike leaves on elongated flowering stems. Fruit are hairy, roundly heart-shaped capsules that contain many tiny, yellowish seeds.

Reproduction
Seeds.



Corn speedwell flowering stem.

Similar weeds

Purslane speedwell (*Veronica peregrina* L.)

Differs by having a more erect habit; hairless, oblong to linear leaves with smooth to slightly toothed margins; and tiny white flowers.



Purslane speedwell stem.

Scrophulariaceae (Figwort family)

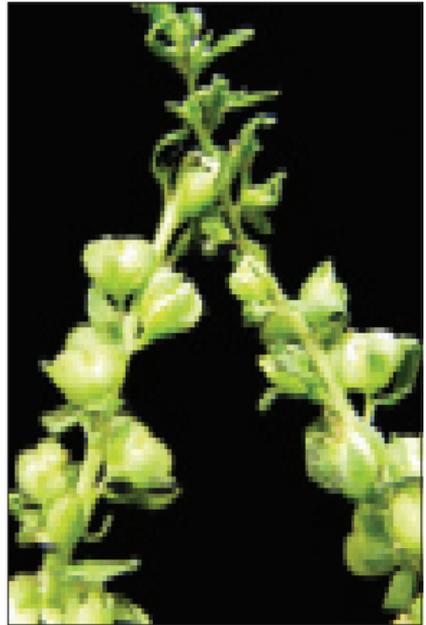
Corn speedwell *continued*



Purslane speedwell plant.



Purslane speedwell flowers.



Purslane speedwell capsules.

Scrophulariaceae (Figwort family)

Corn speedwell *continued*

Slender speedwell

(*Veronica filiformis* Sm.)

Differs by having a perennial nature with stems that root at the nodes, round to kidney-shaped leaves and bluish white flowers on slender flower stalks.



Slender speedwell stem.



Slender speedwell foliage.

Scrophulariaceae (Figwort family)