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## **Knawel**

*Scleranthus annuus* L.

### **Life cycle**

Prostrate, mat-forming summer or winter annual.

### **Leaves**

Opposite, very narrow and linear, grayish green leaves with sharp points resemble pine needles or grass leaves. Leaves are joined at the nodes by a translucent membrane.

### **Stems**

Grayish green, prostrate and spreading stems with numerous branches can form dense mats.



Knawel plant.

**Caryophyllaceae (Pink family)**

## ***Knawel continued***

### **Flowers and fruit**

Spiny, green or rarely whitish flowers are formed in clusters in the leaf axils. Flowers are generally not distinguishable. Egg-shaped, capsulelike fruit contain one seed.

### **Reproduction**

Seeds.

### **Similar weeds**

#### **Birdseye pearlwort**

(*Sagina procumbens* L.)

Differs by having a perennial nature with spreading stolons; bright green foliage; more distinguishable, small white flowers; and fruit that are persistent capsules with many seeds.



Birdseye pearlwort flowers.



Birdseye pearlwort plants.

**Caryophyllaceae (Pink family)**