

## Henbit

*Lamium amplexicaule* L.



### Life cycle

Square-stemmed winter annual.

### Leaves

Cotyledons are oval in outline and notched at the base where the hairy petioles attach. Opposite, circular to heart-shaped, hairy leaves have rounded teeth along the margins. Prominent, palmately veined leaves give a crinkled leaf surface. Lower leaves are attached by long petioles; upper leaves lack petioles and encircle the stem.

### Stems

Square, hairy, spreading stems with many ascending branches from the base can root at the lower nodes. Stems are up to 16 inches tall.



Henbit seedling.

### Flowers and fruit

Pink to purple flowers in a two-lipped tube form in whorls in the upper leaf axils. Each flower produces four egg-shaped, one-seeded, grayish brown and speckled nutlets.

### Reproduction

Seeds.



Henbit leaf.

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Henbit flowers.



Close-up of henbit flower.

## Similar weeds

**Purple deadnettle** (*Lamium purpureum* L.)

Differs by having more triangle-shaped leaves, upper leaves with petioles and red to purple coloration.



Purple foliage and flowers of purple deadnettle.