

# CITRUS WEED SPOTLIGHT

## White pellitory, clustered pellitory (*Parietaria praetermissa*)

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**Life cycle:** herbaceous annual or short-lived perennial  
**Plant height:** up to 18 inches tall or wide, usually about 8 inches  
**Leaves:** pale green, thin, up to three-quarters of an inch long and nearly as wide, somewhat rounded; widest from the base to middle, palmately three-veined; upper surface smooth or with few fine hairs, more hairs on the veins; margins smooth, often with a line of hairs, tip elongated; leaf stalk (petiole) nearly as long as leaf, clear (translucent), hairy  
**Stem:** simple or commonly branched at the base, usually sprawling and straggly; minutely to



densely pubescent  
**Flowers:** tiny, green, clustered in the axils of the leaves  
**Fruit:** a very tiny nutlet  
**Distribution:** central peninsula Florida, west into Louisiana and Missouri, north into North Carolina  
**Comment:** Usually found in moist to wet areas under shade. White pellitory is very similar to *Parietaria floridana*, Florida pellitory. White pellitory has a leaf with a very long tip; Florida pellitory has a leaf with a pointed tip, but not long-pointed.

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