

Carpetweed (*Mollugo verticillata*)

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Life cycle: prostrate summer annual

Leaves: green, smooth, spoon to tongue-shaped and arranged in whorls of five to six at each node

Stem: green; numerous smooth branched stems

Flower: tiny; five white petals, arranged in clusters of two to five on slender stalks from leaf axils; flowers midsummer through early fall

Seeds: tiny, reddish to orange-red

Propagated by: seeds

Growth characteristics: can form carpet-like matt

Comment: found throughout most of the United States

Control: Products that contain bromacil, indaziflam, norflurazone, pendimethalin and simazine provide pre-emergence control of carpetweed emerging from seed. Glyphosate, paraquat dichloride or a product



containing 2, 4-D provides good to excellent activity on small plants.

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CORRECTION

The incorrect photo ran in the August 2014 Citrus Weed Spotlight. Below is the correct photo for common purslane.



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