

# Citrus Weed Spotlight

## Matchweed, Match-head

*Phyla nodiflora*

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### LIFE CYCLE:

Herbaceous perennial

**HEIGHT:** Mat-forming; rarely more than 4 inches tall

**LEAVES:** Opposite; edges toothed near tip; broadest at the rounded tip; hairy on both surfaces; often have a purple portion

**STEM:** Creeping and ascending, prostrate, hairy stems; up to 24 inches long; freely branched; rooting at nodes; often streaked with purple

**FLOWER:** Rose, purple to white flowers in warm months; in round to elongated head on long stalk; resembling the head of a wooden match

**FRUIT:** Two nutlets

**SEEDS:** Nutlets; flat on one side, rounded on the other

**PROPAGATED BY:** Seed and stolons

**COMMENTS:** Distributed throughout Florida, pantropical, north in the United States to Virginia, Kansas, California and Oregon

**CONTROL:** Repeated applications of glyphosate, 2,4-D, carfentrazone and saflufenacil will provide post-emergence control. Applications of diuron, indaziflam, norflurazon and simazine will provide pre-emergence control. 🍊

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