Puncturevine

*Tribulus terrestris* L.

**Life cycle**
Prostrate, mat-forming summer annual.

**Leaves**
Opposite, even pinnately compound, with many small, oblong leaflets.

**Stems**
Prostrate, covered with stiff hairs and branching in all directions, forming circular mats.

Puncturevine seedling.

Puncturevine leaf.

Zygophyllaceae (Caltrop family)
Puncturevine continued

Flowers and fruit
Flowers are small with five yellow petals. Pod-like fruit are woody with five triangular burs and sharp spines. Spines are stout enough to puncture tires.

Reproduction
Seeds.

Puncturevine flower.  Puncturevine fruit.