Carpetweed
*Mollugo verticillata* L.

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

**Leaves**
Whorled, smooth, light green leaves (up to eight per node) are spatula-shaped to oblong with a rounded tip and tapered to the base.

**Stems**
Smooth, prostrate stems with prolific branches form light green, circular mats.

**Flowers and fruit**
Small, white to greenish white flowers on slender stalks occur in clusters of up to five in the leaf axils. Fruit are small, three-parted, egg-shaped capsules that contain orange-red to orange-brown, glossy, kidney-shaped seeds.

**Reproduction**
Seeds.

*Molluginaceae* (Carpetweed family)