Common waterhemp
Amaranthus rudis L.

Life cycle
Erect summer annual.

Leaves
As in pigweed species, cotyledons are egg-shaped with a prominent midvein and reddish tinted undersides. First true leaves are lance-shaped with notched tips. Long, narrow leaves grow alternately and are smooth and shiny.

Stems
Stems are smooth, erect and branching, and can grow up to 8 feet tall.

Flowers and fruit
Small, greenish flowers are found on long, slender seedheads. Plants are dioecious, being either male or female. Male flowers have five petals, females have one or none. Both have short bracts. Seeds are small, round, black and shiny.

Reproduction
Seeds.

Amaranthaceae (Amaranth family)