Henbit
*Lamium amplexicaule* L.

**Life cycle**
Square-stemmed winter annual.

**Leaves**
Cotyledons are oval in outline and notched at the base where the hairy petioles attach. Opposite, circular to heart-shaped, hairy leaves have rounded teeth along the margins. Prominent, palmately veined leaves give a crinkled leaf surface. Lower leaves are attached by long petioles; upper leaves lack petioles and encircle the stem.

**Stems**
Square, hairy, spreading stems with many ascending branches from the base can root at the lower nodes. Stems are up to 16 inches tall.

**Flowers and fruit**
Pink to purple flowers in a two-lipped tube form in whorls in the upper leaf axils. Each flower produces four egg-shaped, one-seeded, grayish brown and speckled nutlets.

**Reproduction**
Seeds.

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Henbit seedling.

Henbit leaf.
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Similar weeds
**Purple deadnettle** (*Lamium purpureum* L.)
Differs by having more triangle-shaped leaves, upper leaves with petioles and red to purple coloration.

Lamiaceae (Mint family)