Horsenettle
*Solanum carolinense* L.

**Life cycle**
Spreading to erect, patch-forming perennial.

**Leaves**
Alternate, egg-shaped, shallowly to deeply lobed, 2 to 5 inches long with sharp, prominent prickles on the leaf veins, midveins and petioles. Star-shaped hairs are present on both leaf surfaces.

**Stems**
Spreading to erect, herbaceous stems with multiple branching, up to 3 feet in height. Stems have sharp, prominent prickles and star-shaped hairs.

**Flowers and fruit**
Flowers are white to pale purple, star-shaped with five petals fused at the base and found in clusters on prickly flowering stalks. Flower centers consist of bright yellow, cone-shaped anthers. Berries are yellow at maturity, globe-shaped, wrinkled and approximately .5 inch across, and contain up to 170 seeds.

**Reproduction**
Seeds and deeply penetrating vertical to horizontal creeping roots.

**Toxicity**
All plant parts are toxic to animals.

*Solanaceae (Nightshade family)*