White clover

*Trifolium repens* L.

**Life cycle**
Mat-forming perennial.

**Leaves**
Alternate, compound with three stalkless, egg-shaped leaflets. Leaflets are smooth with small teeth along the margins, a slight notch at the tip and usually a whitish V-shaped watermark. Trifoliolate leaves are found on long petioles that arise perpendicular to the prostrate stems.

**Stems**
Plants spread by prostrate, creeping stolons that root at the nodes and are generally smooth.

**Flowers and fruit**
White or pinkish white, globe-shaped flower heads occur at the ends of long flower stalks. Each head may contain up to 85 individual flowers. Fruit are small, three- to six-seeded pods.

**Reproduction**
Seeds and stolons.

**Similar weeds**

**Red clover** (*T. pratense* L.)
Differs by having a more robust size and upright growth, red to purple flower heads, and larger, usually hairy trifoliolate leaves.

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*Fabaceae (Legume family)*