**Prostrate spurge**  
*Chamaesyce humistrata* (Engelm. ex Gray) Small

**Life cycle**  
Prostrate summer annual.

**Leaves**  
Cotyledons are oval with maroon undersides and short petioles. Opposite, pale green, egg-shaped leaves with rounded tips have small, irregular teeth along the margins and short petioles. The upper leaf surface often has a maroon watermark.

**Stems**  
Prostrate, densely hairy stems are highly branched from the base, forming circular mats up to 16 inches in diameter. Stems may root at the lower nodes and exude a milky sap when damaged.

**Flowers and fruit**  
Inconspicuous flowers are formed in the leaf axils. Fruit are hairy, three-lobed capsules that contain three wrinkled, three-sided, pale brown seeds.

**Reproduction**  
Seeds.

Prostrate spurge seedling.
Prostrate spurge continued

Similar weeds
Spotted spurge
[Chamaesyce maculata (L.) Small]
Differs by having stems that do not root at the nodes, narrow oval to oblong leaves, and ridged, not wrinkled, seeds.

Euphorbiaceae (Spurge family)