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Prostrate pigweed

Amaranthus blitoides S. Wats.

Life cycle: Prostrate, mat-forming summer annual.

Leaves: Alternate and pale green to shiny, dark green leaves are oblong, oval to egg-shaped with pointed, rounded to slightly indented leaf tips. Leaf margins are smooth and usually whitish. Leaves are numerous at the stem ends.



Stems: Prostrate and nearly smooth, light green to red-dish stems form thick, circular mats. Stems may be 1 to 3 feet long and mostly erect at the tip.

Flowers and fruit: Small, greenish flowers are found in dense clusters in the leaf axils. Flowers have bracts as long as the sepals and yield small, round, shiny black seeds.

Reproduction: Seeds.



Prostrate stem and shiny green foliage of prostrate pigweed.



Prostrate pigweed foliage and flower clusters.