

Corn speedwell

Veronica arvensis

Description

First observed in Michigan by the First Survey in 1837.

Habit

Prostrate, spreading, mat forming winter annual capable of reaching a height of 12 inches.

Leaves

Lower and middle leaves are opposite, broadly egg-shaped, hairy, short-stalked, rounded teeth along the margins. Upper leaves are small, narrow, bract like, alternate without petioles.

Stems

Covered with short hairs that get more dense towards the growing tips. Branching, sprawling, erect at the tips.

Flowers

Light blue to violet in color, inconspicuous, formed in the axils of the upper bract like leaves on elongated stems.





Fruits and Seeds

Heart-shaped, 1/8 in long and wide, capsule, hairy around the edges. Seeds are small and yellowish in color.

Habitat

Native to Eurasia. Can be found in roadsides, trails, disturbed areas, forests, shores, rock ledges, moist fields, gardens, parking lots and waste areas.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Purslane speedwell (*Veronica peregrina*)

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Populations can be reduced by increasing nitrogen fertilization, regular mowing and the use of turfgrasses. Can be effectively controlled using any of several readily available general use herbicides such as 2, 4-D, triclopyr or dicamba.

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