

KOCHIA

(*Kochia Scoparia*)

GROWTH HABIT: Annual, 1 to 6 feet tall.

SEEDS: Wedge-shaped, dull brown, slightly ribbed and about 1/16 inch long.

LEAVES: Alternate, lance-shaped, entire 1/2 to 2 inches long, margins fringed with hairs; upper surface usually smooth, lower surface usually covered with soft hairs; leaf blades usually with prominent veins.

STEMS: Much branched, round, slender, usually soft-hairy, but occasionally smooth, often red-tinged.

FLOWER: Inconspicuous, sessile in the axils of upper leaves and form short, dense, bracted spikes.

OTHER: Seedlings emerge in very early spring and should be treated with herbicides in this stage. Readily grazed by livestock, but sometimes contains high nitrate levels and can be toxic.

