

Cerastium arvense

[Synonyms : *Cerastium alsophilum*, *Cerastium angustatum*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *angustifolium*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *arvense*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *arvensiforme*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *fueguianum*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *latifolium*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *montanum*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *nervosum*, *Cerastium arvense* f. *oblongifolium*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *parviflora*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *purpurascens*, *Cerastium arvense* subsp. *strictum*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *villosum*, *Cerastium arvense* var. *viscidulum*, *Cerastium arvensiforme*, *Cerastium campestre*, *Cerastium colsmannii*, *Cerastium confertum*, *Cerastium effusum*, *Cerastium elongatum*, *Cerastium fueguianum*, *Cerastium glameratum*, *Cerastium graminifolium*, *Cerastium latifolium*, *Cerastium montanum*, *Cerastium nervosum*, *Cerastium nitidum*, *Cerastium oblongifolium*, *Cerastium occidentale*, *Cerastium oreophilum*, *Cerastium patulum*, *Cerastium scopulorum*, *Cerastium sonnei*, *Cerastium strictum*, *Cerastium subulatum*, *Cerastium tenuifolium*, *Cerastium trivale*, *Cerastium vestitum*, *Cerastium villosum*, *Cerastium viscosum*, *Cerastium vulgatum*]

FIELD MOUSE-EAR is a spreading perennial. Native to the temperate northern hemisphere it has small white flowers.

It is also known as *Acker-Hornkraut* (German), *Akkerhoornbloem* (Dutch), *Clust Llygoden y Caeau* (Welsh), *Fältarv* (Swedish), Field chickweed, Field mouse-ear chickweed, *Gemeine Goldrute* (German), *Ketohärkki* (Finnish), Large-flowered meadow chickweed, Large mouse-eared chickweed, Meadow chickweed, Mouse-ear chickweed, Prairie chickweed, *Rožec pol'ný* (Slovak), *Rožec rolní* (Czech), Star of Bethlehem, Starry cerastium, Starry chickweed, Starry grasswort, and *Storblomstret Hønsetarm* (Danish).

The flowers are pollinated by bees and flies.

Arvense means 'of or growing in cultivated fields or land'.

For the North American Iroquois Indians field mouse-ear provided a medicine for preventing miscarriages and they also applied a plant decoction to the skin.