

FAMILY: **Amaranthaceae**

*Alternanthera sessilis* (L.) R.Br. ex Roth

A many-branched annual, prostrate, creeping or ascending at the tips; flowers in dense, silvery white clusters in the leaf axils. **Stem:** slightly hairy, rooting at the nodes, up to 60 cm long. **Leaves:** simple, opposite, obovate to oblanceolate, 2-8 cm long, 1-2 cm wide, hairless, with minutely toothed margins and acute tips. **Inflorescence:** dense sessile silvery-white clusters of compressed spikes in the leaf axils; individual flowers small, perianth segments equal, acute, 2-2.5 mm long, not ending in a hard spine. Bracts, ovate with a short point. **Fruit:** a small, flattened, obovate, indehiscent bladder. **Seed:** brown, round. **Propagation:** by seed.



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