

Common Purslane

Description:

Common Purslane is an annual that grows rapidly in spring and summer in Kings County. Purslane thrives in areas such as roadsides, rangeland, wild lands, pastures, and waste areas. Flourishing under dry conditions but also competes well in irrigated situations. Plants prefer loose, nutrient-rich, sandy soil. The mature plant may form a mat or grow up to a foot tall. The plant branches at the base and along the stems. Leaves are very succulent, often tinged red, and wedge-shaped. They are opposite or alternate along the stem and are without petioles. Small yellow flowers are born singly or in clusters of two or three in stem axils or at tips of stems. Flowers usually open only on sunny mornings.

