

***Stellaria media* (L.) Vill. (Caryophyllaceae)**

Seed

General shape: round to oval

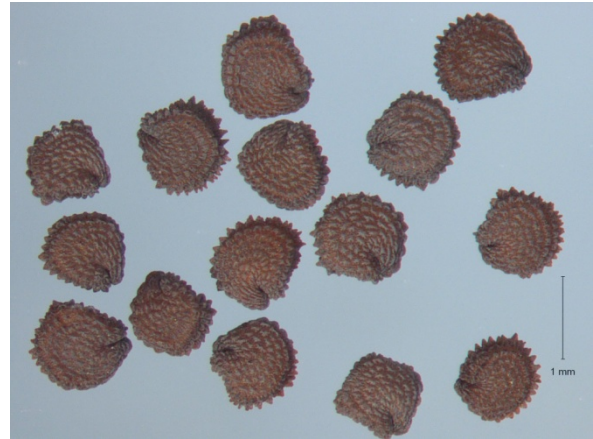
Normal size: 0.8 –1.3mm in diameter

Color: reddish-brown

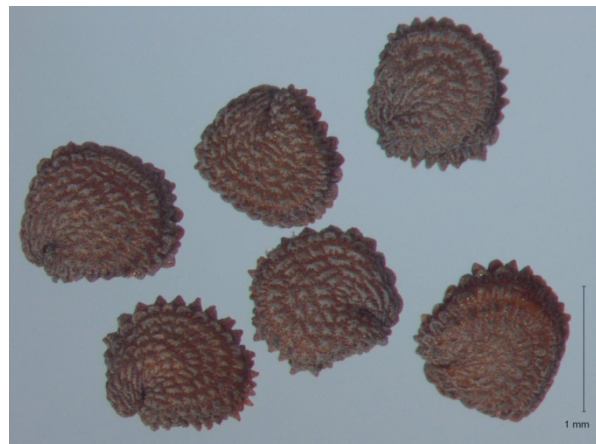
Texture: dull, covered by 5-6 curved rows of small tubercles

Distinguishing features: the seeds have slightly convex sides with a conspicuous notch; giving the appearance of having the two extremities bent together. The hilum is located in the deep notch. The outline of the seed exhibits prominent, conical tubercles.

Embryo: peripheral, curved around the albumen.



Seeds of *Stellaria media*



Seeds under magnification

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