PORTULACACEAE

Montia cordifolia (Wats.) Pax & Hoffm. in E. & P.
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broadleaved montia

FORM: Succulent, perennial forb, without fleshy taproots.
LEAVES: Several basal leaves, simple, entire triangular-ovate to somewhat cordate, 3-6cm (1-2in) broad; two cauline leaves, opposite, broadly lanceolate, 1-5cm (<2in) wide.
FLOWERS: Regular, 5-merous, white, 3 to 10-flowered, in lax racemes not subtended by bracts; May-Sept.
FRUIT: Smooth to worty, shiny black, acutely margined capsule (1).
SIMILAR SPECIES: Montia sibirica (Siberian montia) flowers subtended by bracts, and Montia perfoliata (miner's lettuce), cauline leaves form a disc.
NOTES: Leaves and stems are eaten boiled, steamed or raw as salad greens.