

# Weed Alert! Spurges



Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia virgata*)



Carnation spurge (*E. terracina*)

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(*Euphorbia terracina*; *E. virgata*)

**Mature Size** Knee



## Description

- Perennial herbs under 3 ft. with opposite leaves and milky sap (that can cause a rash)
- Tiny flowers surrounded by yellow or green petal-like leaf structures
- Leaves 2-3 in. long
- Reproduces by seed or from extensive creeping roots and root fragments
- Spread by roads, waterways, wildlife
- Native to Europe



**Bloom Period** *E. terracina* Mar - July;  
*E. virgata* May - Aug

**Habitat** Grasslands, scrub, woodland



**2-Minute Removal** Dig