

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Photographer Janet Russell, Carwooda



Flowering plant. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, Murrumbidgee River, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Murrumbidgee River, ACT

## Common name

Stiff woodruff

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

**Woodland** and **shrubland**, usually among rocks in damp situations or on river banks. Tablelands and ACT.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb or **shrub** to 0.3 m tall with a woody rootstock. Stems rigid, angular, rough hairy with minute hairs, particularly on the angles. Leaves in **whorls** of 4, one pair smaller than the other, 0.1–0.5 cm long, 0.3–3 mm wide, more or less **appressed** against the stems, **midrib** broad, surfaces hairless or sparsely rough, with a tuft of bristly hairs at the tip, tips more or less blunt. Male and female flowers on separate plants. Flowers white to pale yellow, 2–3 mm in diameter, tubular, with 4 lobes. Flowers in clusters of 1–3 flowers. Flowering: spring–autumn.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

Endangered Vic. Listed in the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Asperula~ambleia> (accessed 28 April 2021)

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