

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems. Photographer Murray Fagg, Australian Plant Image Index, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Brindabella Road near Piccadilly Circus, NSW, just outside the ACT boundary



Plant. Photographer Murray Fagg, Australian Plant Image Index, Kosciuszko National Park

## Common name

Prickly woodruff

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

**Forest**, grassy areas, disturbed sites, rocky areas, and moist sites.

subsp. *subglabra*: Few records. Ranges and Southern Highlands between Wollemi National Park and east of Moss Vale.

subsp. *scoparia*: Widespread. Rarely coastal.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.3 m high or sprawling. **Rhizomatous**, sometimes loosely mat-forming. Stems angular. 'Leaves' in **whorls** of 6, 0.3–1.2 cm long, 0.3–2.0 mm wide, surfaces sparsely rough, **midrib** prominent, margins flat, curved down or less often rolled down, tips narrowly pointed with a straight translucent **mucro**. Male and female flowers on separate plants. Flowers white, tubular, with 4 lobes. Flowers 2–6 mm long. Flowers single or in few- to several-flowered clusters. Flowering: spring to summer.

**subsp. subglabra**: Leaves of flowering branches usually more than 1 mm wide, long drawn out into a translucent tip. Stem-angles hairless, often covered with few to many tiny warts

**subsp. scoparia**: Leaves of flowering branches up to 1 mm wide, sharp-tipped, not long drawn out into a translucent tip. Stem-angles usually densely hairy.

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

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

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