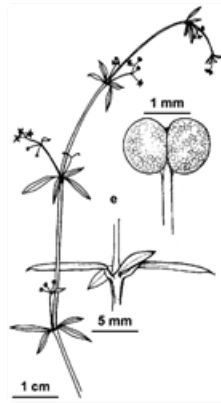


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Fruiting stem. Photographer Jackie Mles



Line drawings. e. seedling branch; 'seed'; leaf detail.
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Common name

A bedstraw

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and near streams. Coast and ranges. Occasionally elsewhere.

subsp. *binifolium*: Coast and ranges. Occasionally elsewhere.

subsp. *conforme*: Two records from Ben Boyd National Park south of Eden. Two records in the hills NE of Albury. Mostly in Vic.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb, usually **prostrate** to **scrambling**, occasionally weakly **rhizomatous**. Stems to 0.5 m long, 4-angled, usually with sparse backward-pointing tiny prickles, or smooth, occasionally sparsely hairy. Leaves opposite each other, larger than the leaf like **stipules** forming the rest of the **whorl** of 4 (at least on the lower branches) 0.3–1.5 cm long, 1–4 mm wide, tips pointed, surfaces with a few hairs mainly on the margins and **midrib**. Flowers cream to yellowish or greenish, often with a reddish or purple tinge, 1.3–2 mm in diameter, with 4 **petals** fused together near their bases, in clusters of 1–8 flowers. Flowering: spring. 'Seeds' about 1.5 mm long, wrinkled or ribbed, more or less hairless.

subsp. binifolium: Leaf like stipules less than half the length of the leaves in the **whorls** below the flower clusters.

subsp. conforme: Leaf like stipules more than half the length of the leaves in the whorls below the flower clusters.

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Galium-binifolium> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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