

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Dharug National Park, near Wisemans Ferry



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, south of Berragui

Common name

South American Mexican Clover

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Disturbed sites and roadsides. Coastal north from Tathra.

Notes

Introduced prostrate perennial herb, often forming dense mats to about 40 cm diameter and rooting from the lower **nodes**. Stems bristly. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5–2 cm long, 3–10 mm wide, tips pointed, surfaces usually densely bristly and whitish. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 0.5–2 mm long, 4 **spreading** lobes, the lobes about 1 mm long, soon falling, Flower **heads** mostly 10–20-flowered, usually **subtended** by 4 leafy **bracts**, shorter and relatively broader than the leaves. **Calyx** 4-lobed, the lobes spreading. 'Seeds' 4 (rarely 3) per seed case, 1.5–2 mm long, smooth, hairless, pale brown. Flowering: spring–autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Richardia~humistrata> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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