

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem (var. *gallica*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Alexander Schmidt-Lebuhn, Illunie Nature Reserve east of Young



Flowering stems (var. *gallica*). Photographer Don Wood, Eurobodalla National Park south of Narooma



Flowers (var. *quinquevulnera*). Photographer Linda Richmond, Baluk Willum Nature Conservation Reserve, Belgrave, Vic

## Common name

French Catchfly, Mediterranean Catchfly, Five-wounded Catchfly, Mother Marm, Spotted Catchfly

## Family

Caryophyllaceae

## Where found

Roadsides and other disturbed sites.

var. *gallica*: Widespread, mostly Sydney area and ACT.

var. *quinquevulnera*: Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to about 0.45 m tall. Stems sticky hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 1-6 cm long, 1-15 mm wide, rough and sticky hairy. Flowers appearing tubular, with 5 **petals** to 5 mm long, white or pink (var. *gallica*) or white or pink with a large dark red blotch at the base (var. *quinquevulnera*). Flowers in a leafy cluster up the stem. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Silene-gallica> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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