

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales

## Common name

A sand-spurrey

## Family

Caryophyllaceae

## Where found

Paddocks and disturbed sites. Sydney area north from Campbelltown.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb with a thick woody taproot, hairless. Branches usually **erect** from the base. Leaves in tufts at the stem base, 2.2–8 cm long, 1–1.4 mm wide, tips blunt, with a short **mucro**, surfaces hairless. **Stipules** membranous, long-pointed, rarely forked, fused to the stem for about 1/3 of their length. Flowers with 5 white **petals** each 2 mm long, and usually with 6–10 **stamens**. **Sepals** 2.5–3 mm long, basal spots absent. Flowers in dense clusters. Seed cases 4.5–6.6 mm long. Flowering: spring.

Definite differentiation between the species of *Spergularia* depends on microscopic examination of the seeds.

PlantNET description with line drawings: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Spergularia~levis> (accessed 7 February, 2021)

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