

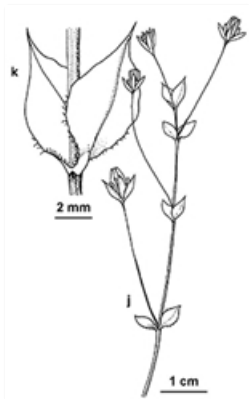
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Forest starwort

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Margins of **rainforest** and moist shady places in eucalypt **forest**, **shrubland** near streams, and moist gullies. Widespread. Mainly coast and ranges.

Notes

Annual or **perennial** herb to 0.55 m high or sprawling or **scrambling**, hairless or almost so, often hairy at the **nodes**. Sparse to medium density white hairs on new growth. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5–2.3 mm long, 1–10 mm wide, limp, margins wavy, fringed at the base, tips pointed. Flowers white, with 5 deeply cleft **petals** longer than the **sepals**. Sepals 3.5–7.5 mm long. Flowers single or in open clusters. Flowering: Spring–Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Stellaria-flaccida> (accessed 21 January, 2021)

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