

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leafy stems. Photographer Harry Rose, unknown site



Plants. Photographer Don Wood, Oallen Road west of Nerriga

Common name

Common woodruff

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, and grassy sites, in damp or shady situations. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb, becoming woody at the base, to 0.3 m tall or sprawling to **prostrate**. Stems 4-angled, sparsely hairy or on the angles. Leaves in **whorls** of 5-6, 0.2-1.2 cm long, 0.3-1 mm wide, flat to curved in cross section, hairless except for the **midvein**, margins rough or hairy, and flat to curved down, tips pointed, usually with a short point. Male and female flowers on separate plants. Flowers creamy white to pinkish, 2-4 mm long, funnel-shaped, with four lobes. Flower clusters in mostly 1-3 groups each with 3 or more flowers. Flowers Spring to Summer.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Asperula~conferta> (accessed 28 April 2021)

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