

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Lake Mountain, Vic

## Common name

Mountain woodruff

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **heath**, **grassland**, and alpine **herbfields**, usually in damp sites, often in swamps. At higher altitudes. Ranges, tablelands, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.20 m high or sprawling. Stems 4-angled, with conspicuous ridges, more or less rough with short, curved hairs, particularly on the angles. 'Leaves' in **whorls** of 4-6, mostly 0.4–1 cm long, 1-3 mm wide, hairless, margins curved down and with rigid short hairs, **midrib** on the underside with rigid short hairs. Male and female flowers on different plants. Flowers sweet scented. Flowers with a funnel shaped tube and 3-5 white or creamy lobes. **Calyx** tiny. Male flowers about 3 mm long; female flowers about 2 mm long. Flowers in 2- or 3-flowered clusters. Flowering: spring-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~gunnii> (accessed 28 April 2021)

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