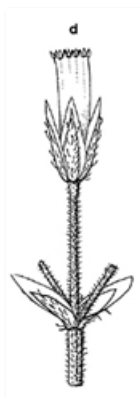


# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Line drawing, d. seed case. EMMayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Lesser Mouse-ear Chickweed, Balearic Mouse-ear Chickweed

## Family

Caryophyllaceae

## Where found

Lawns and disturbed sites. Mainly tablelands, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 0.23 m high, hairy with **glandular** and **simple** hairs. Leaves 0.2–1.2 cm long, 1–7 mm wide; in a basal **rosette** and opposite each other on the stems. Rosette leaves stalked, stem leaves stalkless. Flowers with 4–5 notched white **petals**. Sepals 2.5–5 mm long, petals more or less half the sepal length or less, **entire** or notched. 5 **stamens**. Flowers in open few-flowered clusters. Flowers Aug.–Nov. Seed case 3.5–6.5 mm long, usually slightly longer than the **sepals**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cerastium~balearicum>  
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