

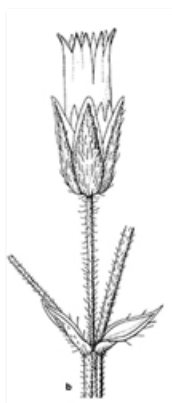
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Kosciuszko National Park



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Tallaganda State Forest west of Braidwood



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

## Common name

Mouse-ear chickweed

## Family

Caryophyllaceae

## Where found

Weed of lawns, gardens, and other disturbed sites. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, and the tablelands. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 0.5 m high, with sprawling non-flowering shoots. Flowering shoots becoming **erect**. Stems and leaves with **spreading simple** and rarely **glandular** hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 1–3 cm long, 3–10 mm wide, tips blunt. Flowers with 5 white deeply notched **petals** shorter to slightly longer than the **sepals**. Sepals 4–7 mm long. 10 **stamens**. Flowering: late spring to summer. Seed case 8–11 mm long, about twice as long as the **calyx**.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Cerastium~vulgare> (accessed 7 January, 2021)

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