

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Woodstock Nature Reserve, ACT



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Flowers and developing seed case. Photographer Silke Smaglinski, Mt Ainslie, Canberra



Flowering plants (subsp. *verna*). Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT

## Common name

Whitlow grass

## Family

Brassicaceae

## Where found

Open **woodland**, pastures, and moist situations. Tablelands, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 0.2 m high, base and **rhizome** woody. Stems sparsely or densely clothed in **simple**, branched or **stellate** hairs (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Leaves in a basal **rosette**, 0.2–2 cm long, margins **entire** or with a few shallow teeth. Flowering stem leafless. Flowers with 4 notched **petals** each 1.5–4 mm long, white or pink. Flowers in clusters.

**subsp. *verna***: Hairs on stems and leaves always branched; seed cases 6–10 mm long, 1–2.5 mm wide, more than 2.5 times as long as broad, often with almost parallel sides

**subsp. *praecox***: Hairs on stems and leaves mixed branched and unbranched; seed cases 3–10 mm long, 2–4 mm wide, less than 3 times as long as broad, sides always rounded

PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Erophila~verna> (accessed 14 January, 2021)

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