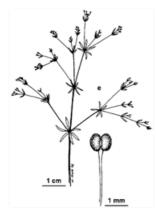
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flow ering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



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Common name

Slender bedstraw

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Dry open habitats, roadsides, and disturbed shaded areas. Tablelands, ACT and Western Slopes. Occasionally Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Introduced annual herb. Stems to 0.30 m long, 4-angled, becoming wiry, hairless or with scattered, short hairs or minute prickles. Leaves and leaf-like stipules in whorls of 6–8, gradually decreasing to 2 on the flowering branches, 0.3–1 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, tips pointed and often mucronate, surfaces more or less hairless, margins with tiny prickles. Flowers to 1 mm long, 0.4–0.7 mm in diameter, with 4 yellowish red or yellow tinged red petals, fused together near their bases, in clusters of 3–12-flowers. Flowering: September–January. 'Seeds' 0.4–1 mm long, finely warty.

PlantNET description: http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Galium~divaricatum (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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