

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Line drawings. e. flowering branch; 'seed'. MMbir © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

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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