

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stems (subsp. *gaudichaudii*). Photographer Don Wood, Peak Alone, Wandella State Forest, west of Cobargo



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Line drawings. d. seedling branch; 'seed'. MMBir © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

## Common name

Rough bedstraw

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland, grassland**, and rock crevices. Widespread.

subsp. *gaudichaudii*: Widespread. Uncommon on the coast and ranges.

subsp. *parviflorum*: Ranges south of the Snowy Mountains Highway. ACT. Mostly in Victoria.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.4 m high or **prostrate**. Stems 4-angled, rough with tiny backward-pointing prickles or almost hairless. Leaves and leaf-like **stipules** in **whorls** of 4, 0.1–1.2 cm long, 0.8–1.3 mm wide, tips more or less pointed, upper surface with scattered hairs, lower surface with hairs more or less confined to the margins and **midvein**. Flowers white to cream or greenish-yellow, purplish in bud, to 1.5 mm long, with 4 **petals** fused together near their bases, in clusters of mostly 1–7 flowers. Flowers winter–early summer. 'Seeds' 1–2 mm long, finely wrinkled to smooth.

**subsp. gaudichaudii**: Flowers 1.8–3.8 mm in diameter, with petals 0.8–1.8 mm long.

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**subsp. parviflorum**: Flowers 1–1.8 mm in diameter, with petals 0.5–0.8 mm long

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PlantNET description of species and key to subspecies: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Galium-gaudichaudii> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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