

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seed cases and leaves, photographer Russell Best, north of Sunbury, Vic

Common name

A bedstraw

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and grassy areas, often growing from rock crevices. Between Liverpool and Picton and the mountains west from there. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb, to 0.45 m tall, **prostrate** to climbing. Stems 4-angled, slender, hairless to densely hairy, sometimes with tiny backward pointing prickles. Leaves and leaf-like **stipules** in **whorls** of 4, 0.3-1.5 cm long, 1.5-6 mm wide, upper surface with clear slender hairs, lower surface with clear slender hairs on the **midrib**, margins mostly flat to curved down; tips sometimes with a **terminal** hair. Flowers cream or greenish cream to yellowish green, 1.5-2.5 mm in diameter, with 4 **petals** fused together near their bases, in clusters of 1-10 flowers. Flowers Spring to Autumn. 'Seeds' 1.0-1.2 mm long, hairy, wrinkled, often warty.

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PlantNET description with line drawing and photos: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Galium-leptogonium> (accessed 17 January, 2021)

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