

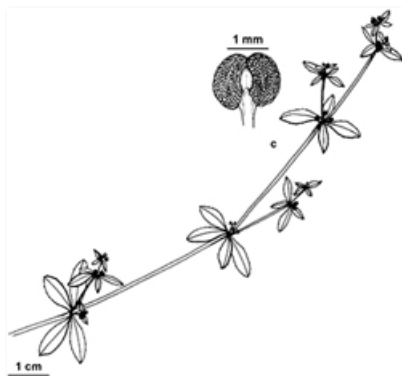
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering plant. Photographer Jackie Miles



Line drawings: c. flowering branch; 'seed'. MMBir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Furrowed Bedstraw

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Moist sites in **forest** or **woodland**, often among rocks. Coast, ranges, tablelands, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park and west towards the Hume Highway. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Annual or **biennial** herb, creeping or sprawling to **prostrate**. Stems to 0.4 m long, 4-angled, rough with tiny backward pointing prickles, or sparsely hairy to hairless. Leaves and leaf-like **stipules** in **whorls** of 4, rarely 5, mostly 1–1.5 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, tips broadly pointed to blunt with a **mucro**, surfaces sparsely hairy; stalks conspicuous. Flowers white to cream, 1.5–2 mm in diameter, with 4 **petals** fused together near their bases, in clusters of 1–5 flowers. Flowering: most of the year. 'Seeds' about 1.3–1.8 mm long, with 5–7 irregular longitudinal ridges.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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