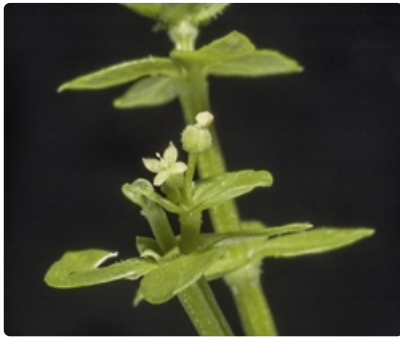


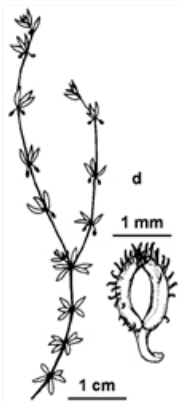
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Leafy stems with flower and developing 'seed'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. d. seeding branch; 'seed'. M.Mbir © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic

Common name

Small bedstraw, Small goosegrass

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Shaded sites in disturbed **forest** and **woodland**, and other moist sites. Sydney area. Tablelands, ACT, Western Slopes. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.12 m high, or **prostrate**. 'Seeds' with long hooked hairs. Stems soft, thread-like, 4-angled, hairless or with few small backward pointing prickles. Leaves and leaf-like **stipules** in **whorls** of 3–6, leaves occasionally opposite each other, 0.3–1 cm long, 1–2 mm wide, tips pointed with a short point, surfaces more or less hairless, margins bristly. Flowers white to yellowish green, about 1 mm long, about 0.8 mm in diameter, with 4 **petals** fused together near their bases. Flowers single or paired. Flowers mostly Aug.–Nov. 'Seeds' 1–1.5 mm long, with long hooked hairs, particularly towards the tips.

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

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