

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Plant. Photographer Tony Rodd, Kosciuszko National Park

Common name

A bedstraw

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

In rock crevices and in gravel at the foot of clefts. Kosciuszko National Park in the mountains west of the ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.3 m high. Stems sparsely to moderately hairy. Stem angles broadened, so broad that they obliterate the faces of the stems. Leaves and leaf-like **stipules** in **whorls** of 4, 0.3–0.5 cm long, 0.8–1.2 mm wide, tips pointed, upper surface dull pale green, more or less hairy, lower surface with fewer hairs; stalks broad and flat. Flowers cream or greenish cream, 1.8–2.5 mm in diameter, with 4 **petals** fused together near their bases, in 1–10-flowered clusters. Flowering: spring–summer. 'Seeds' 1.2–1.6 mm long, wrinkled, with numerous rounded, pale-capped warts.

Description partly based on Thompson, I.R. (2009), A revision of *Asperula* and *Galium* (Rubiaceae: Rubiaceae) in Australia. *Muelleria* 27(1): 82, 84

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

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