

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Russell Best, west of Melton, Vic



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Common name

Erect chickweed

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Weed of moist sites in **woodland**, pastures, and gardens. Widespread. Rarely coast and ranges.

Notes

Introduced annual herb to 0.12 m high. Stems hairless, often **glaucous**. Basal leaves soon withering. Stem leaves few, opposite each other, 0.5–1.5 cm long, 0.7–2.5 mm wide, tips pointed. Flowers white, about 8 mm in diameter, with 4 **petals**. Flowers in 1–3-flowered clusters. Flowering: winter-spring.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Moenchia-erecta> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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