

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Salisbury to Murni, NSW



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Common name

None

Family

Rubiaceae

Where found

Weed of disturbed sites. Coastal north from Moruya. Ranges north from near Burragarong reservoir. Tablelands north of the Kings Highway. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb, mostly **prostrate**. Stems to 0.15 m long, hairless to hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 0.7–2.5 cm long, 2–5 mm wide, tips pointed, surfaces hairy to more or less hairless. Flowers white, tubular, the tube 2–4 mm long, with 4 lobes. **Calyx** 4- or 5-lobed, the lobes **spreading**. Flowers that do not open often present, smaller, remaining in bud or developing seeds by self-fertilisation. Flower **heads** few to many-flowered, **subtended** by 4 leafy **bracts**. Flowering: spring–autumn. 'Seeds' usually 4 per seed case, 1.7–2 mm long, hairless or sparsely rough, upper surface with a slight ridge in the middle.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Richardia-stellaris> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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