

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Valter Jacinto, Portugal



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Bungonia State Conservation Area east of Goulburn



Plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Peter Ormay, Aranda, Canberra, ACT

## Common name

Field Madder

## Family

Rubiaceae

## Where found

Pastures, roadsides, gardens, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** herb to 0.3 m tall, or **prostrate** to sprawling. Stems hairless or rough hairy. Leaves in **whorls** of 4-6, 0.5-1.5 cm long, 1-4 mm wide, tips pointed, surfaces hairless or rough mostly along the margins. Flowers 4-5 mm long, tubular, with 4 **spreading** lobes shorter than the tube, pink to mauve, in clusters of 4-10 flowers. Flowers Spring to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Sherardia-arvensis> (accessed 6 February, 2021)

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