

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



Flowering stems. Photographer Don Wood, Batehaven south of Batemans Bay



Line drawing in Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. Vol. 2: 43.

Common name

Common chickweed, Chickweed

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, gardens, disturbed sites, roadsides, shaded crevices in rocks, and disturbed damp sites. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb to 0.6 m tall or **prostrate**, mostly hairless. Stems with a line of hairs between the **nodes**. Leaves opposite each other, 0.5-4 cm long, 2-15 mm wide, margins sometimes hairy, bases sometimes **cordate**, tips pointed, often wavy. Flowers with 5 deeply cleft white **petals** or 0 petals, and 5 **sepals**. Sepals 4-7 mm long, petals 3-4 mm long. Flowers single or in leafy clusters. Flowers Winter to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Stellaria-media> (accessed 18 January, 2021)

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