

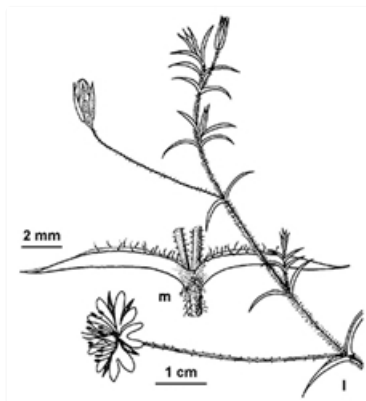
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Wadbilliga National Park



Flowering plants. Photographer Donald Hobern, Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. l. branchlet; m. leaves. EMMayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Prickly starwort, Prickly knawel

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, and gullies. Common in shady places. Widespread. Rarely coastal.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.6 m high, or **prostrate**, often mat-forming, **rhizomatous**. Leaves and **sepals** with sharp points. Stems angular, young stems with medium-dense curly white hairs, becoming hairless. Leaves opposite each other, 0.4–1.3 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, sparsely to densely hairy with curly white hairs, becoming hairless, margins fringed. Flowers white, with 5 white deeply cleft **petals**, about as long as the sepals. Sepals 5–10 mm long. Flowers single. Flowering: late Winter to Summer.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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