

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



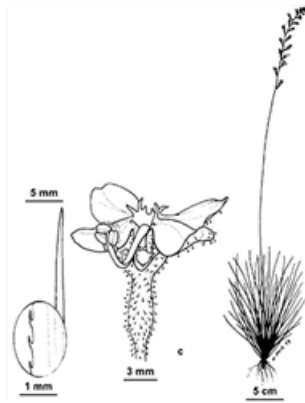
Flower. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Gundry Grassland Reserve near Goulburn



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Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Jervis Bay, NSW



Line drawings. c. leaf tips (margin detail); flower; plant. MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Grass triggerplant

Family

Stylidaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, and **heath**. Widespread.

in the ACT, *Stylidium graminifolium* mainly occurs on Black Mountain, Bruce Ridge and Mt Ainslie. *Stylidium armeria* subsp. *armeria* is the common species of *Stylidium* at higher altitudes in the ACT.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.8 m high, sometimes **rhizomatous**. Flower stalks more than 2 mm wide, hairy with **glandular** hairs increasing in density from the plant base to the top. Leaves grass-like, tufted at the base, 5–40 cm long, 1–3 mm wide, often **glaucous**, **midvein** clearly visible on the lower surface, margins finely toothed, thickened, sometimes curved down, tips with a stiff bristle. Flowers white to pink or mauve, 5–12 mm in diameter, tubular, with 4 **petals**, and a hinged column 6–8 mm long sensitive to movement, arising from the centre of the flower. Flowers 10–50 up the stems. Seed cases sticky hairy, covered in small warts. Flowers Aug.–Dec.

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

The description in PlantNET was written before *Stylidium armeria* and *Stylidium montanum* were separated from *Stylidium graminifolium* (accessed 30 January 2021)

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/b3874d32-36d9-4f3b-a0c7-21e92e1e34a8> (accessed 30 January 2021)

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and Rosemary Purdie's notes published on Canberra Nature Map.

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