

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Chilean whitlow wort, Brazilian whitlow

Family

Caryophyllaceae

Where found

Weed of lawns, pastures, and disturbed sites. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced prostrate perennial herb with a woody taproot. Stems rough to hairy with fine hairs, often knotted and rather woody, to 27 cm long. Leaves opposite each other, 0.3–0.85 cm long, 1–2.5 mm wide, hairy, tips pointed and with a **mucro** or **awn**. **Stipules** conspicuous, at least about half the length of the leaf, membranous silvery, with a long drawn out point. Flowers 1.5–1.75 mm long, with minute **petals** or 0 petals. 5 hooded **sepals** 1–2 mm long. Flowers in profuse clusters. Flowers mainly Aug.–Mar.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Paronychia-brasiliana> (accessed 28 April 2021)

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