

# Galium aparine

## COMMON NAME

Cleavers

## FAMILY

Rubiaceae

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Herbs other than Composites

## NVS CODE

GALAPA

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1870

## ORIGIN

Temperate Eurasia

## ETYMOLOGY

**galium:** From the Greek galo 'milk', the leaves of Galium verum being used in the past to curdle milk

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/galium-aporine/>



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