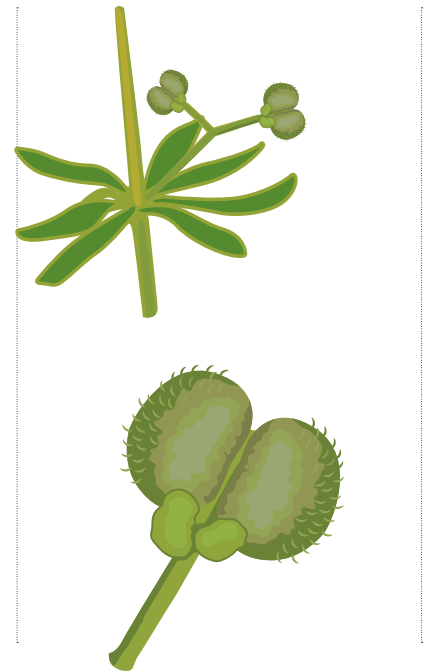
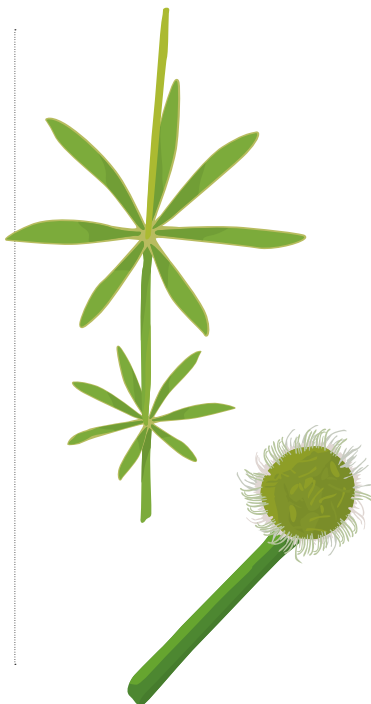


Bedstraws

Plant	Cleavers	Corn cleavers	False cleavers
Species	<i>Galium aparine</i>	<i>Galium tricornutum</i>	<i>Galium spurium</i>
Threat status		Extinct in the Wild / Critically Endangered	Near threatened
Distribution	Generally distributed	Historically very thinly scattered, mainly central England. Not present in Northern Ireland	Historically very thinly scattered. Not present in Northern Ireland
Habit	Climbing annual	Climbing annual	Prostrate annual
Leaves	In whorls of 6-8	In whorls of 6-9	In whorls of 6-10
Flowers	In clusters of 2-5	In clusters of 3	In clusters of 3-9
Calyx (sepals)	Absent	Absent	Absent
Corolla (petals)	White with a very short tube	White with a very short tube	Greenish-cream with a very short tube
Fruit	3-5 mm, purplish, with hooked white bristles	>3 mm, hairless with lots of tiny warts. Stalks arch downwards (re-curved)	1.5-3 mm, blackish, with hooked bristles or smooth



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Plant	Field madder
Species	<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>
Threat status	Least concern
Distribution	Common except in upland areas
Habit	Annual
Leaves	In whorls of 4-6
Flowers	In dense clusters, each with a ring of 8-10 leaf-like bracts at base
Calyx (sepals)	1 mm persisting in fruit
Corolla (petals)	Pink. Petal tube is longer than lobes
Fruit	Bristly pair of nutlets with persistent attached calyx



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