

COMMON NAME:

WILD MADDER

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

GALIUM MOLLUGO

ALSO CALLED: CLEAVERS, HEDGE BEDSTRAW, GOOSE GRASS, BEDSTRAW, PRETTY MADDER, AND CATCHWEED

FLOWER COLOR: WHITE

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: SMALL AND FEW-FLOWERED

FLOWERING TIME: MARCH TO MAY

LEAVES: VERY SHORT AND NARROW LEAVES WHORLED AROUND THE BRANCHES SPACED SYMMETRICALLY AS AN OPENED FAN AND SPACED ALONG THE BRANCHES WITH BLANK PORTIONS BETWEEN THE LEAF CLUSTERS

NORMAL SIZE: UP TO 3'

NORMAL ELEVATION: 2000' TO 8000'

HABITATION: MOIST AREAS

ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: HERBACEOUS MULTI-STEMMED PLANT WITH SQUARE BRANCHES AND SMALL NARROW LEAVES IN WHORLS AROUND BRANCHES WITH ALMOST INVISIBLE HAIRS WHICH CAUSE THE PLANT TO STICK TO CLOTHING WHEN BRUSHED AGAINST

SPECIAL INTEREST: IT SOMEHOW SEEMS TO HAVE ACQUIRED ITS NAME FROM A CUSTOM OF USING IT AND OTHER SMALL PLANTS FOR BED STUFFING.