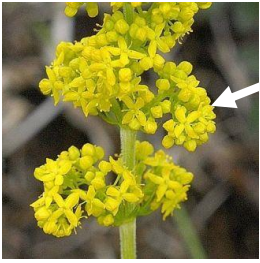




Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*)



Flowers **small, yellow** and spirally **whorled** around the stem.



Plant does **not** have recurved prickles.

Cleavers (*Galium aparine*)



Flowers **small, white** and in clusters of **3-10**.

Leaves **lanceolate** and in **whorls** of **6-8** around the stem.



Plant with **recurved prickles** which help with climbing and support.

The prickles on *Galiums* give them the ability to **stick/cling** onto objects.

Northern Bedstraw (*Galium boreale*)



Flowers **small, white** and in **multiple clusters**.

Leaves lanceolate with **3 veins** and **rough edges** in whorls of **4-8** around the stem.



Fruits of the plant with **recurved prickles**.

Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*)



Flowers **small, white** and in loose **clusters**.

Leaves oblong-lanceolate in whorls of **8** around the stem.

Fruits of the plant with **recurved prickles**.

Plant is **scented**.

Associated with **woodland and damp shaded areas**.

Marsh Bedstraw (*Galium palustre*)



Flowers **small, white** and in loose **clusters**.

Leaves oblong-lanceolate in whorls of **4-6**.

Plant with **recurved prickles**.

Associated with **wet ground, marshes, wet grasslands and even ditches**.

Heath Bedstraw (*Galium saxatile*)



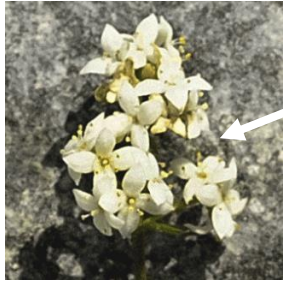
Flowers **small, white** and in clusters.

Leaves oblong-lanceolate in whorls of **6-8**.

Leaves with **forward** facing **prickles**.

Mat-forming species
Associated with **dry grasslands**

Limestone Bedstraw (*Galium sternerii*)



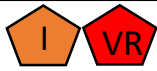
Flowers small, creamy white in clusters.

Leaves linear in whorls of **6-8**.

Leaves have **recurved prickles** on the **margins**.

Associated with **limestone habitat**.

Hedge Bedstraw (*Galium mollugo*)



Flowers small, white and in long loose clusters.

Leaves lanceolate in whorls of **5-8**.

Small hairs on leaf margin.

Associated with **hedgerow habitat**.

Fen Bedstraw (*Galium uliginosum*)

Similar in appearance to *Galium palustre* but much daintier.

Flowers are small, white and in loose clusters, leaves are lanceolate in whorls of 6-8. Leaf with recurved prickles along the margin and tips ending in rough point.