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Cleavers, burrweed, catchweed, goosegrass grip grass & sticky weed.

bot. name - - ***Galium aparine***

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galium_aparine &
https://keyserver.lucidcentral.org/weeds/data/media/Html/galium_aparine.htm

DESCRIPTION :-

Cleavers are annuals with creeping straggling stems which branch and grow along the ground and over other plants. They attach themselves with the small hooked hairs which grow out of the stems and leaves. The stems can reach up to one metre or longer, and are angular or square shaped. The leaves are simple, narrowly oblanceolate to linear, and borne in whorls of six to eight.

Cleavers have tiny, star-shaped, white to greenish flowers, which emerge from early spring to summer. The flowers are clustered in groups of two or three, and are borne out of the leaf axils. The corolla bears 4 petals. The globular fruits are burrs which grow one to three seeds clustered together; they are covered with hooked hairs which cling to animal fur, aiding in seed dispersal.

HABITAT & IMPACTS:

A short-lived (i.e. annual) herbaceous plant with a scrambling or sometimes weakly climbing habit. The stems grow up to 2 metres long and are easily broken off. This species is widely naturalised in Australia and is particularly common in the wetter temperate regions of south-eastern Australia.

CONTROL:

Hand-pull, dig young plants or spray. When removing any species of vines, be careful about pulling them down, as this can damage the supporting plant. Try to control vines before seed has formed.

NOTE:- In rare case may cause skin irritation, contact dermatitis, suggest wear gloves.

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