



BEDSTRAW
Galium spp

Located in swamps, wet meadows, bogs and along wet shores from New Jersey, north. Seven of the species found in the northeast are wetland plants.

Low, slender often matted herbs with 4-angled, weak to stout stems; unbranched or branched; generally less than 0.5 m high. Leaves toothless, or minutely saw-toothed, linear to lance-shaped, narrowing to the stem; in whorls of 4 to 6. The flowers are small, with 3 or 4 lobes; the wetland varieties generally are white or greenish; singly or in small terminal clusters; blooming from June to September.

The fruit are sparingly eaten by ducks, upland game birds and muskrat.