

Cleavers/Goosegrass - *Galium aparine*



Description

The plant climbs over surfaces and other plants, growing up to 2m long. Leaves are in whorls (6-9 leaves) from the same point around the stem) and are covered in small hairs that make the plant sticky - and a favourite for children to play with!

Cleavers prefer nutrient rich, moist, neutral to basic soils, and are found in W6-9 woodlands, hedgerows and disturbed land. It's presence in some locations can indicate eutrophicated soils - places where nitrogen has been introduced by human intervention. In such sites, weed species that compete with newly planted trees can be an issue, as such effective weed control should be implemented.

Soil regimes

Soil reaction (R)	7
Nitrogen availability (N)	8

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