form: Prostrate, deciduous perennial 5-15 cm (2-6 in) long, with extensive slender rhizomes, forming matted patches.

Stems: Terete or often 4-angled, decumbent to erect, usually branching.

Leaves: Opposite, numerous, simple, entire, pointed linear-elliptic to lanceolate leaves, 2-5 cm (1-2 in) long.

Flowers: 2-5, 5-merous flowers, borne singly on long petioles in slender, terminal cymes, petals white, shorter than sepals, sepals pointed (1); May-Aug.

Fruit: Globose-ovoid capsule.

Similar Species: Silene menziesii, p. 178, very hairy, dioecious, flowers tubular campanulate; and Arenaria lateriflora (bluntleaf sandwort), sepals rounded, elliptic-oblong leaves.