

White bedstraw look alikes

White bedstraw (*Galium mollugo*) is also known as smooth bedstraw or false baby's breath. It most closely resembles other bedstraws (*Galium spp.*) and baby's breath (*Gypsophila spp.*).

How to differentiate from baby's breath

White bedstraw has **4-petaled flowers** and **whorls of 6-8 leaves**.

Baby's breath has **5-petaled flowers** and **opposite leaves**.

How to differentiate from other *Galium* species

Galiums are differentiated from each other based on a combination of characteristics including number of leaves in a whorl, hairiness, and number of flowers.

White bedstraw's combination of **numerous flowers, smooth stem, and whorls of 6-8 leaves** differentiate it from other *Galium* species.



Flowering white bedstraw