

CLEAVERS

Cleavers get their name because the leaves, stem and seeds have tiny hairs that cause it to stick (cleave) to anything it touches, like animal fur, bird feathers or even wool clothes. This helps the plant spread its seeds to new places, so it can keep growing and survive.

This common 'weed' is widespread, it can be found growing in hedgerows, woodlands and gardens and is at its best in spring or early summer, before it flowers. Cleavers flower from May to September producing tiny white star flowers. Its fruits are small balls, covered with tiny bristles.



Seen in Ireland:
Flowers: May –
September
Fruits: July -
November

Activities you can carry out:

- Check out our Habitat Hero resource on Cleavers [here](#)
- Cleaves are great for making things with. Try our [Bird Nest Activity](#).

