

****Fumaria capreolata***
Commonly: Whiteflower Fumitory
Vascular Plant Family: Fumariaceae

Flowers winter and spring

**Fumaria capreolata* is a climbing or sprawling annual herb. This introduced plant (weed) is a native of North Africa, western and southern Europe and western Asia. It is commonly seen in disturbed areas, but at Peppermint Grove Beach it prefers to sprawl in shaded areas.



The leaves are alternate and deeply divided 2 or 3 times with the terminal lobe further divided. They can exceed 20cm in length.



The inflorescence is dense elongating as fruits develop.



The flowers have 2 sepals and 4 petals the upper petal being much longer (over 1 cm in length) than the others and with a spur (pouch) at its base. The flowers are white or cream but tipped a dark purple.



The fruits are round and smooth with recurved stalks.

***Indicates it is a weed**