

***Parietaria debilis***  
**Commonly: Pellitory**  
**Vascular Plant Family: Urticaceae**  
Flowers winter to early summer

*Parietaria debilis* is an annual herb up to 40cm tall. It occurs mainly in near coastal areas.

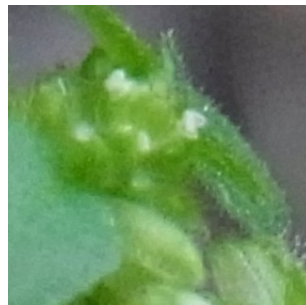


The leaves are scattered, stalked 3.5cm long and 3cm wide with 3 distinct veins at the base.



The inflorescence consists of green to white axillary clusters with both unisexual, occasionally bisexual flowers. The male flowers have 4 sepals up to 2.5mm long, no petals and 4 stamens; the female flowers have a tubular calyx up to 2mm long and no petals. The flowers are about 2.5mm long.

The following photograph shows a cluster of flowers.



This is a male flower as indicated by the 4 stamens.



Glandular hairs are a characteristic of the family Urticaceae. These hairs can be seen on a calyx lobe.

Refer also to Peppy Plants article [Parietaria debilis](#)