Galium obtusum
WILD MADDER  BLUNTLAEB BEDSTRAW  (Madder Family)

This native perennial plant is about ½–1’ (15-31 cm) tall. It often branches near the base, sending up multiple stems that are little branched and have a tendency to sprawl. Along these stems are whorls of 4 sessile leaves; sometimes toward the base of the plant there are whorls of 5 or 6 leaves. These leaves are about 1” long and ¼” across, and tend to angle upward from the stems. They are oblong, and have a prominent central vein. The stems terminate in an inflorescence consisting of about 1-6 tiny white flowers. These flowers have 4 petals and 4 stamens with black anthers and are about ¼” across. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie, blooms about the 3rd week of May through the 2nd week of June.