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Paronychia dichotoma

[Synonyms : *Anychia canadensis*, *Anychia dichotoma*, *Paronychia canadensis*]

FORKED CHICKWOOD is an annual or perennial. Native to the Mediterranean and south-eastern United States it has small, inconspicuous flowers.

It is also known as Smooth-forked nailwort, and Tall forked chickweed.

Dichotoma is derived from Greek *dicho-* (paired) and *tomo-* (cut, piece, slice) components meaning ‘forked in pairs or repeatedly dividing into two equal branches’.

Medicinally, the plant was used in the past in local remedies for whitlows.