

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Wild Bugloss

Family

Boraginaceae

Where found

Disturbed sites and stream banks. Bathurst and west from Bathurst. Rarely elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced annual or **biennial** herb to 0.6 m high. Stems covered with bristly **spreading** hairs. Leaves in a basal **rosette** and **alternating** up the stems, densely hairy, margins wavy and toothed. Basal leaves 2.5–20 cm long, 3–20 mm wide; stem leaves becoming smaller up the stems. Flowers blue, rarely white, 5–9 mm long, with a narrowly funnel-shaped curved tube, and 5 unequal almost round lobes each 3–5 mm long. Flowers in clusters on one side of the coiled stalk when young, the stem soon elongating. Flowers most of the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Anchusa~arvensis> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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