

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Murrumbidgee River near Cooma



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, ACT



Line drawings. e. flowering and seeding branch; seed case; flower. S Clark, National Herbarium of Victoria. © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Blue water-speedwell

## Family

Plantaginaceae

## Where found

Stream banks, drainage channels, muddy areas, and in shallow water. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb to 1 m or more high, sometimes trailing, with stout **rhizomes**, hairless apart from **glandular** hairs on the flower clusters. Stems hollow. Leaves opposite each other, 3–12.5 cm long, 4–45 mm wide, more or less stalkless and stem-clasping, margins often finely toothed, tips pointed. Flowers blue or lilac, 2–5.5 mm long, 5–6 mm in diameter, with a short tube and 4 **spreading** lobes. **Stamens** 2. Flower clusters about 15–40-flowered. Flowering: spring–summer.

Family was Scrophulariaceae.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Veronica~anagallis-aquatica> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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