

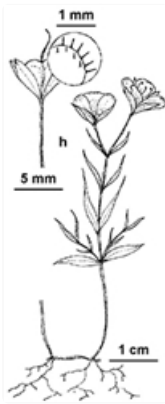
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering plants. Photographer Don Wood, Morton National Park



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Line drawings. H. flowering stems; seed case; detail of seed case. S Clark, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Slender Speedwell

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Forest, **woodland**, and **grassland**, often in moist or swampy sites. Widespread, but few coastal records.

Notes

Perennial herb usually to 0.25 m high, with slender **rhizomes** to 60 cm long. Flowering stems with fine but rigid hairs to about 0.5 mm long, mostly limited to longitudinal bands, sometimes hairless. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 1–3 cm long, 1.5–9 mm wide, tips with fine drawn out points, margins **entire** or with 1–4 pairs of teeth, bases tapering rather abruptly. Leaf stalks 1–2 mm long. Flowers pale lilac or blue with darker **veins**, 5–8 mm long, 8–14 mm in diameter, with a short tube and 4 **spreading** lobes. **Stamens** 2. Flowers in clusters of mostly 1–6 flowers. Flowering: spring–summer. Seed cases sometimes broader than long.

Family was Scrophulariaceae.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

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

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