

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering stem. Photographer Richard Hartland, Mt Buller, Vic



Flowering stem Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



Seed cases. Photographer Malcolm Storey, England



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## Common name

Thyme Speedwell

## Family

Plantaginaceae

## Where found

Alpine **grassland**, disturbed sites, wet seepage areas, and on the margins of lakes, streams, and swamps. Kosciuszko National Park and west towards Albury. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** herb, flowering stems to 0.25 m high, often **prostrate** and rooting at the **nodes**. Stems more or less hairy and sticky. Leaves opposite each other (rarely in **whorls** of 3), mostly 0.4–1.6 cm long, 2–11 mm wide, tips blunt, bases rounded, margins with minute scallops, surfaces hairless. Leaf-like **bracts** often **alternating** up the stems. Flowers about 5–6 mm in diameter, 2–4.5 mm long, with a short tube about 1 mm long, and 4 **spreading** lobes, blue or pale mauve to violet, occasionally almost white, with darker **veins**. **Stamens** 2. Flowers single in the **axils** of leaf-like bracts, forming elongated clusters. Flowering: spring–summer.

Uncertain Status (native or **naturalised**) in Vic.

Family was Scrophulariaceae.

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

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