

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower. Photographer Richard Hartland, Reedy Lake, near Geelong, Vic



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Reedy Lake, near Geelong, Vic



Leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Reedy Lake, near Geelong, Vic



Line drawings. c. flowering plant; flower; seed case. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

River bluebell

Family

Campanulaceae

Where found

Inland floodplains and on red soils. Western Slopes.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.8 m tall, usually many-stemmed from a thickened taproot. Stems hairless or sometimes sparsely hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.4–8 cm long, 0.5–5 mm wide, tips mostly pointed, margins flat or sometimes wavy, and **entire** or with a few small hardened teeth, surfaces hairless or sparsely hairy. Flowers blue, tubular, the tube 0.5–1.5 mm long, with 5 widely **spreading** lobes each 3–9 mm long. Free lobes of the flower usually more than 4 times as long as the tube. Flowers in open clusters. Flowering: throughout the year.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Wahlenbergia-fluminalis> (accessed 11 February, 2021)

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