

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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## Common name

Annual bluebell, Hairy annual bluebell

## Family

Campanulaceae

## Where found

Open **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides and other open sites, seasonally damp mossy ledges, and near streams and dams. Widespread. Rare on the coast and ranges.

## Notes

**Annual** herb to 0.5 m tall, single- or few-stemmed, usually hairy with coarse, moderately stiff hairs. Leaves clustered or opposite each other on the lower stems, **alternating** up the stems higher up, sometimes alternating up the stems throughout, 0.1-4 cm long, 0.2-11 mm wide, margins flat or wavy, **entire** or sometimes toothed. Leaves on the lower stems often withering early. Flowers blue to mauve, sometimes white or pink, 3 mm or more in diameter, tubular, with 5 lobes (sometimes 3 or 4), each 0.5-6 mm long. Free lobes of the flowers less than twice as long as the tube. Flowers in clusters, sometimes single. Flowers Winter to Summer.

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=Wahlenbergia-gracilentia> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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