

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and burrs. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mugga Mugga Nature Reserve, ACT



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, south of Bermagui



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Mugga Mugga Nature Reserve, ACT

## Common name

Australian forget-me-not, Austral hound's tongue

## Family

Boraginaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, grassy areas, disturbed sites, dunes, and damp places. Widespread.

## Notes

**Annual** or **perennial** herb to 1 m tall. Burr with many barbed spines. Stems rough-hairy. Stems and burrs stick to clothing. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 2-20 cm long, 4-35 mm wide, hairy, tips pointed. Basal leaves with a **sheath** at the base. Upper leaves with wavy margins. Flowers slightly scented. Flowers 3-6 mm long, 2-4 mm in diameter, blue, pink, or whitish, funnel-shaped, with 5 lobes. Flowers in clusters on one side of the coiled stalk when young, the stalk soon elongating. Flowers mostly Spring to Summer. Burrs flattened on the upper surfaces.

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=Cynoglossum~australe> (accessed 1 January, 2021)

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