

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and young seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, between Michelago and Captains Flat



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Kowen Stock Route Reserve, ACT



Line drawings. e. flowering branch; flower. S Clark, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Water forget-me-not

Family

Boraginaceae

Where found

Near streams; on wet ground or in shallow water. Widespread but not coastal.

Notes

Introduced annual, occasionally **biennial**, herb to 0.35 m high. Roots at the lower leafless **nodes**. Stems sparsely to moderately densely hairy with **appressed** hairs. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 2–8 cm long, 4–15 mm wide, moderately hairy with appressed hairs, tips rounded, margins flat. Basal leaves stalked, upper leaves stalkless and more or less stem-clasping. Flowers pale blue, about 2.5 mm long, 2–4 mm in diameter, tubular, with 5 lobes. **Stamens** hidden inside the **corolla** tube. **Calyx** hairy with appressed hairs. Flowers in clusters on one side of the coiled stalk when young, the stalk soon elongating. Flowering: spring–summer.

Was *Myosotis caespitosa*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=in&name=Myosotis-laxa+subsp.-caespitosa> (accessed 24 January, 2021)

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