

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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

Common name

A Speedwell

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Forest, often in moist and sheltered areas. Ranges and tablelands north from Kanangra Boyd National Park and nearby.

Notes

Shrub or woody herb to 0.50 m high, hairless and **glaucous**. One to several **erect** softly woody stems from a narrow rootstock. Stems mostly unbranched below the flower clusters and dying back after seeding. Leaves opposite each other, mostly 2.5–5.5 cm long, 10–20 mm wide, V-shaped in cross section, tips more or less pointed, bases **cordate**, squared off, or wedge shaped, margins with 8–18 pairs of shallow teeth. Flowers bright blue-violet, 6–7 mm long, with a short tube and 4 **spreading** lobes. **Stamens** 2. Flower clusters mostly 8–40 cm long, 15–35-flowered. Flowers late Spring to early Summer.

Family was Scrophulariaceae.

Vulnerable NSW. Provisions of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 No 63 relating to the protection of protected plants generally also apply to plants that are a threatened species.

NSW Threatened Species profile: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10217> (accessed 8 January 2021)

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

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