

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer melburnian, M Buffalo, Vic



Flowering stems. Photographer Richard Hartland, Lake Mountain, Vic



Line drawings. a. flowering and seeding branch; seed case; leaf. S Clark, National Herbarium of Victoria. © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Milfoil Speedwell

Family

Plantaginaceae

Where found

Subalpine **woodland**, alpine and subalpine **heath**, **grassland**, disturbed sites, and bogs. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Shrub to 0.5 m high, usually dying back to the base after seeding. Stems with sparse curved or twisted hairs in longitudinal bands. Leaves usually in compact clusters on very short **lateral** branches at the lower **nodes**, usually 1.5–3 cm long, deeply divided into 2–17 narrow lobes, the longest lobes 0.3–2 cm long and often further divided or toothed, **ultimate** divisions 0.5–1.2 mm wide, surfaces more or less hairless, tips somewhat pointed. Flowers white or pale lilac or bright blue, 3.5–6 mm long, with a short tube and 4 **spreading** lobes. **Stamens** 2. Flowers in elongated 20–40-flowered clusters mostly 5–17 cm long. Flowering: Summer.

Rare Vic.

Family was Scrophulariaceae.

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

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