

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



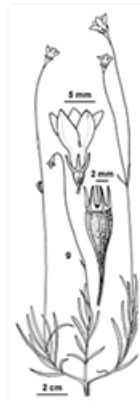
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Line drawings. (as *Wahlenbergia communis*). g. flowering branch; flower; seed case. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Tufted bluebell, Native bluebell

Family

Campanulaceae

Where found

Open **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, gardens, roadsides and other open disturbed sites, stony ridges, and near streams. Widespread.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.8 m tall, often shooting annually from the thickened taproot. Often many-stemmed in open places and gardens. Stems hairless to sparsely hairy, often hairy to rough near the base. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, the lowest leaves sometimes almost opposite each other, 0.4-8 cm long, 0.5-8 mm wide, hairless, sometimes the lower leaves sparsely hairy, margins flat or wavy, and **entire** or with a few small teeth, tips mostly pointed. Leaves sometimes lost when plants are in late-flowering condition. Flowers mauve to blue, often whitish outside, sometimes entirely white, tubular, the tube 2-9 mm long; with 5 (occasionally 6) lobes 6-15 mm long. Free lobes of the flowers 1-2 times as long as the tube. Flowers in clusters. **Stigma** usually with 3 lobes. Flowers all year.

Wahlenbergia communis in PlantNET.

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PlantNET description (as *Wahlenbergia communis*): <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Wahlenbergia~communis> (accessed 3 May 2021)

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