

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Bogong High Plains, Vic



Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer AN Schmidt-Lebuhn, Tas



Flowering plants. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Colin Totterdell, Kosciuszko National Park



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## Common name

Waxy bluebell

## Family

Campanulaceae

## Where found

Moist sites in **heath**, **grassland**, along streams, and around and in swamps at high montane to alpine altitudes. Ranges, tablelands, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 1.15 m high, with **spreading rhizomes**. Stems at first sprawling, finally **erect**, mostly unbranched, occasionally 1- or 2-branched, hairless or sometimes sparsely rough-hairy towards the base. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–5 cm long, 1–10 mm wide, usually hairless, margins usually flat, sometimes more or less wavy but less so than *Wahlenbergia gloriosa*, often toothed, tips more or less blunt to pointed. Flowers sky blue to pale violet, occasionally white, often whitish outside, with a bell-shaped tube 3–9 mm long, and 5 lobes 10–23 mm long. **Corolla** lobes with long drawn out points. **Stigma** usually with 3 lobes, occasionally 2. Flowers single or 2–3 per stem, nodding in bud. Flowering: summer-autumn.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?pagen=nswf&lvl=sp&name=Wahlenbergia-ceracea> (accessed 8 February, 2021)

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