

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Richard Hartland, Mt Stirling, Vic

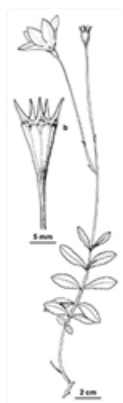


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Photographer Don Wood, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Line drawings. a. flowering branch; seed case. E Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Royal bluebell

Family

Campanulaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, alpine **herbfields** and **grassland**, roadsides, rocky sites, and moist sites, at high altitudes. South and east of the Hume Highway. Kosciuszko National Park, the mountains to the north, ACT, tablelands and ranges.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.4 m high, with **spreading rhizomes**. Stems sprawling to **erect**, mostly unbranched, usually hairy to densely hairy towards the base, sometimes hairless. Leaves often mostly at the base of the plant, stem leaves mostly opposite each other, sometimes the upper leaves, rarely all leaves, **alternating** up the stems, 0.4–3.5 cm long, 1–15 mm wide, margins usually wavy, **entire**, or with small hardened teeth, surfaces hairless or the lower leaves hairy, tips blunt to pointed. Flowers purple to purplish violet, or deep blue, with a bell-shaped tube 2.5–8.5 mm long, and five lobes 11–25 mm long. **Stigma** usually with 2 lobes, sometimes 3. Flowers single. Flowering: summer-autumn.

Hybrids between *Wahlenbergia gloriosa* and *Wahlenbergia stricta* subsp. *stricta* have been recorded.

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

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

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