

# Veronica hederifolia

## COMMON NAME

ivy-leaved speedwell

## FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

## AUTHORITY

Veronica hederifolia L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

VERHED

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Violet/Purple

## YEAR NATURALISED

1935

## ORIGIN

temperate Eurasia, Micronesia, N. Africa

## ETYMOLOGY

**veronica:** Named after Saint Veronica, who gave Jesus her veil to wipe his brow as he carried the cross through Jerusalem, perhaps because the common name of this plant is 'speedwell'. The name Veronica is often believed to derive from the Latin vera 'truth' and iconica 'image', but it is actually derived from the Macedonian name Berenice which means 'bearer of victory'.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veronica-hederifolia/>

