

# Veronica plebeia

## FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

## AUTHORITY

Veronica plebeia R.Br.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

VERPLE

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous to Australia and New Zealand. In New Zealand known from the Three Kings, North, northern South and Chatham Islands.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed, stem cuttings and layered pieces. An attractive ground cover. Can be used as an alternative to grass in a lawn. Prefers a well drained soil in full sun but will also grow in semi-shaded and soils prone to winter water logging

## 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'.

## WHERE TO BUY

Not Commercially available

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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