

Veronica serpyllifolia

COMMON NAME

turf speedwell, thyme-leaved speedwell

FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

AUTHORITY

Veronica serpyllifolia L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

VERSER

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Herbaceous perennial to 30cm high. Creeping, decumbent or with prostrate branches. Opposite small, shiny, entire or slightly toothed leaves (1.3cm in length). Flowers are grey-blue to blue and irregular in shape (to 0.6cm wide).

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1864

ORIGIN

Micronesia, temperate Eurasia

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-serpyllifolia/>



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