



Wahlenbergia albomarginata subsp. *albomarginata*

Common Name(s):

New Zealand harebell, harebell

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (in the east from Marlborough to Central Otago)

Habitat:

Lowland to subalpine in tussock-grassland, on river terraces and amongst rocks.

Features*:

Perennial herb with radical, rosulate tufts of leaves, sometimes alternate on elongated stems (shade form). Leaves concolorous or paler beneath, yellow-green, green to red-green, turning glaucous on drying; more or less petiolate, lamina 10 × 2 to 40 × 10 mm, linear to elliptic, gradually narrowed to petiole as long as the lamina or longer, margins entire or subentire, thickened, teeth if present, inconspicuous. Flowers insect-pollinated, narrowly campanulate-rotate, corolla pale flax blue to pale blue-violet, often with white zoning and deeper coloured veins, or all white, 12-17 mm diameter, 10-20 mm long, corolla tube 4 × 3 to 10 × 6 mm, lobes 6 × 3 to 12 × 5 mm; style equal in length to corolla tube, lobes 2 or 3. Calyx lobes less than 1/4 corolla length; capsule domed cylindric, 6-8 × 4 mm. Seeds 0.5 mm long, ellipsoid, smooth, glossy brown when mature.

Flowering:

November – April

Fruiting:

December - April

Threats:

Not Threatened

*Attribution:

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References and further reading:

Petterson, J.A. 1997: Revision of the genus *Wahlenbergia* (Campanulaceae) in New Zealand. *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 35(1): 9-54

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Caption: Above Siberia Valley, 1800m asl

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