



## *Wahlenbergia albomarginata* subsp. *decora*

### Common Name(s):

New Zealand harebell, harebell

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (Nelson Lakes National Park; possibly also North-west Nelson and Fiordland)

### Habitat:

Alpine. Inhabiting scree margins and rock crevices

### Features\*:

Perennial herb with stout taproot, and short crowded tufts of rosulate leaves, radical leaves sparse, these sometimes alternate on elongated stems (shade form). Leaves dark green, yellow-green to red green (not drying glaucous), more or less petiolate, dentate to serrate, lamina 10 × 2 to 40 × 10 mm, obovate to oblanceolate, marginal teeth conspicuous, gradually narrowed to petiole as long as the lamina or longer. Flowers fragrant, insect-pollinated, borne on short, slender scapes 30-100 mm long; narrowly campanulate-rotate, corolla pale flax blue to pale blue-violet, often with white zoning and deeper coloured veins, or all white, 15-20 mm diameter, 10-15 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 ¼ 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:

Fact Sheet Prepared by P.J. de Lange 12 June 2007. Description adapted from Petterson (1997).

### References and further reading:

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

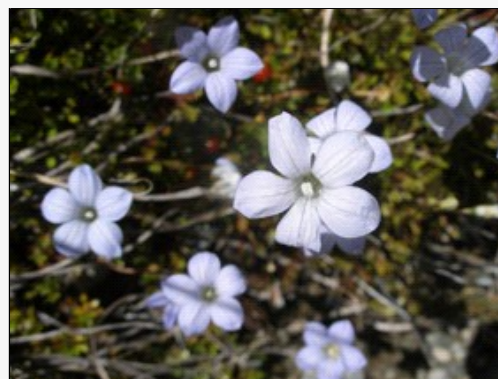
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**Caption:** Routeburn Track, Fiordland

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