



## *Wahlenbergia ramosa*

### Common Name(s):

Coastal Harebell

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: North and South Islands from East Cape and Taranaki south to the Marlborough Sounds. Most common on the shores of Cook Strait.

### Habitat:

Mostly coastal (rarely inland). On rocks, cliffs, grassy places and in open scrub

### Features\*:

Radiccate, perennial herb. Stems 100-500 mm long, 1-2 mm thick, decumbent or ascending or stiffly erect. Mature leaves and bracts pale-green, alternate, sessile, variable, usually obovate-spathulate to oblanceolate on lower stem, grading to linear-lanceolate in upper stem, 8 × 2 to 30 × 10 mm; margins flat and distantly denticulate to strongly undulate, usually with scattered hairs on margins and lamina. Callus teeth 4-5 on each margin. Pedicels slender, 30-100 mm long. Flowers glabrous, 3-5-lobed, pastel lilac at anthesis, fading to off-white or pure white in different populations, 5-20 mm diameter, 4-9 mm long. Corolla rotate with shallow saucer-shaped tube, 1 × 3-4 mm; lobes spreading, 5 × 4 to 8 × 5 mm, broadly ovate, touching or overlapping in open flower. Style thickened at top, white. Calyx lobes glabrous, 1.5 × 1.0 to 3.0 × 1.5 mm, triangular; capsule glabrous 5-7 × 4 mm, ellipsoid to obconic, with protruding apical valves. Bud at anther dehiscence short and rounded. Self-fertile. Seeds 0.5 mm long.

### Flowering:

November - April

### Fruiting:

December - May

### 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.

### For more information, visit:

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**Caption:** Baring Head. Nov 2012.

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