



## *Veronica scutellata*

**Common Name(s):**

marsh speedwell

**Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

**Distribution:**

Found locally in Thames, Waikato, Manawatu, Wairarapa, Canterbury, Dunedin and the West Coast.

**Habitat:**

Shallow water, swamps and margins of waterways.

**Features\*:**

Glabrous herb with upright stems c. 5 to 20 cm in length. The leaves are sessile, entire or sparsely toothed 2 - 6 cm x 0.1-1.2 cm. The flowers are in racemes that are slender and spreading, alternating in opposite pairs of leaves. Flowers are small (6mm across), and whitish in colour with purple veins. Capsule 3-4.5 mm wide.

**Flowering:**

Summer to autumn

**Fruiting:**

Autumn

**\*Attribution:**

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**References and further reading:**

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