



Echium plantagineum

Common Name(s):

Paterson's curse

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Hispid annual or biennial herb to c. 90 cm high. Basal leaves to c. 15 x 3.5 cm, linear-lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate; base attenuate and petiolate; apex obtuse; upper cauline leaves smaller, sessile, lanceolate to oblong, more or less cordate at base. Inflorescence with 1-several branches; branches becoming spike-like or panniculate. Calyx 9-12 mm long; lobes linear-lanceolate, much < corolla tube. Carolla 20-30 mm long, funnellform, reddish in bud, becoming purplish blue or blue; upper lobes > lower; 2 stamens long-exserted, others included; filaments deep pink; anthers blue. Nutlets 2-3 mm long, angular. (Webb et al 1988).

Flowering:

(September) December, January, February (May)

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3843



Caption: Roadside, SH3, Turakina.
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