



## *Hygrophila angustifolia*

### **Distribution:**

Only known from one site at Western Springs, Auckland, but a common plant in the aquarium trade.

### **Habitat:**

Still and slow flowing shallow water bodies.

### **Features\*:**

Erect herb, decumbent with age, usually 50–100 cm high, mostly glabrous; branches 4-angled. Leaves linear to lanceolate, mostly 2.5–16 cm long, 2–8 mm wide, apex  $\pm$  obtuse, base attenuate, margins entire and sometimes undulate, glabrous or sparsely hairy;  $\pm$  sessile. Axillary clusters of 2–12-flowered; flowers sessile; bracts 2–7 mm long. Calyx 8–10 mm long. Corolla blue, mauve or more usually white with darker markings; tube 6–8 mm long; lobes 3–4 mm long.

### **Flowering:**

Late summer (March)

### **\*Attribution:**

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### **References and further reading:**

New South Wales Flora Online  
(<http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/>)

### **For more information, visit:**

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