

# Myosotis scorpioides var. strigulosa

## COMMON NAMES

water forget-me-not

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Low growing herb on wet ground and damp hollows. Leaves are pale green, stems often bend at the base and leaves are willow like. The flowers are small, pale blue with a yellow center.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Yellow

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Plants are 20 to 60 cm tall, and often forms new plants at the nodes (stolons). Leaves are narrow, alternate and attached directly to the stem and have pointed or rounded tips with a prominent mid-vein. Flowers are 5 to 10 mm wide. The base of the petals forms a tube longer than the length of the petal lobes. Pedicels at fruiting are 1 to 2 times the length of the calyx. Nutlets (4) are black.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Very similar to *M. laxa* subsp. *caespitosa*, but the corolla is usually wider than 4mm.

## DISTRIBUTION

Throughout NZ.

## HABITAT

Margins and ponds, wet hollows.

## GENUS

*Myosotis*

## FAMILY

Boraginaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Myosotis scorpioides* L.

## SYNONYMS

*Myosotis scorpioides*

## ENDEMIC GENUS

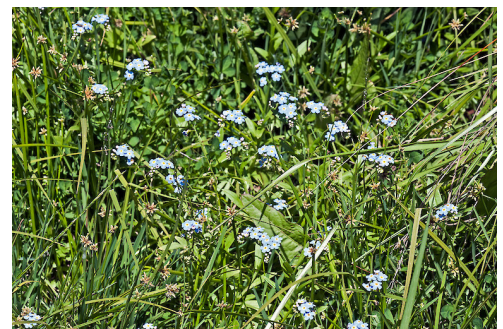
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## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No



*Myosotis scorpioides* var. *strigulosa*.  
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## FLOWERING

November to May

## FRUITING

Autumn

## YEAR NATURALISED

1878

## ORIGIN

Europe

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental pond and garden plant

## CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Can be controlled manually, mechanically or herbicidally depending on situation.

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Mainly seed dispersal by water movement and animals contaminated with hooked persistent calyx surrounding seed.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

## ETYMOLOGY

**myosotis:** Mouse-eared

## NVS CODE

MYOSCO

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/myosotis-scorpoides-var-strigulosa/>

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