

# Veronica agrestis

## COMMON NAMES

field speedwell

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, White

## GENUS

Veronica

## FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

## AUTHORITY

Veronica agrestis L.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

Europe, N. Africa

## ETYMOLOGY

**veronica:** Named after Saint Veronica, who gave Jesus her veil to wipe his brow as he carried the cross through Jerusalem, perhaps because the common name of this plant is 'speedwell'. The name Veronica is often believed to derive from the Latin vera 'truth' and iconica 'image', but it is actually derived from the Macedonian name Berenice which means 'bearer of victory'.

**agrestis:** Pertaining to fields or cultivated land

## NVS CODE

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veronica-agrestis/>

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