

Veronica polita

COMMON NAMES

grey 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

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ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1940

ORIGIN

Temperate Eurasia, 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'.

polita: Smooth or polished

MORE INFORMATION

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

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