

# Plectranthus ecklonii

## COMMON NAME

Plectranthus

## FAMILY

Lamiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Plectranthus ecklonii Benth.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub, usually 1.5-2m high, young stems densely covered with fine hairs. Similar hairs also on leaves, especially along upper side of veins. Flowers blue-violet, borne in a loose, erect panicle about 30cm high at the top of the stems.(DOC 1998)

## FLOWERING

December, January, February, March, April, May

## FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, Violet/Purple

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Mainly spreads vegetatively (Owen 1997).

## YEAR NATURALISED

1978

## ORIGIN

E and S Africa

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## ETYMOLOGY

**plectranthus:** From the Greek plektron (spur) and anthos (flower), referring to the spurred flowers

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/plectranthus-ecklonii/>



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