

## Plectranthus\* (*Plectranthus ciliatus*)



*Foliage and flower*

### \* Also known as **Blue spur flower**

Plectranthus was a popular pot and garden plant with trailing stems densely covered in purple hairs. It has escaped to grow in and around forest edges, in plantations and in hedges. The plant has a long flowering season from December to August, when masses of white flowers with purple dots appear. The underside of the leaves and the veins that show through to the upper side are also purple.

Very vigorous runners spread along the ground, and the plant is often spread from discarded garden rubbish.

Plants can be controlled by rotary slashing, raking or mowing small areas as appropriate. The cut material should be allowed to dry out and then composted or deep buried. Larger areas can be treated by spraying or weed-wiping with herbicide. Weed mat is also effective.

**Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.**