

Blue spur flower (*Plectranthus ecklonii*)



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A strong smelling shrub, to 3m tall. It can form dense infestations shading out smaller plants and preventing the establishment of many native species.

Leaves are dull green with fine hairs on the younger leaves and stems. They have coarsely serrated edges and pointed tips. Upright loose spikes of purple-blue flowers are produced from December to May followed by small brown nutlets. Blue spur flower is spread via seed falling from the plant or vegetatively via dumped fragments.

Seedlings and scattered plants may be grubbed out. They must be disposed of carefully as broken fragments may regrow. Larger infestations may be sprayed with herbicide.

Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.