

Campanulaceae
Lobelia membranacea
 blue white root

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ETYMOLOGY	(lo-BEEL-ee-a) After Mathias de l'Obel 1538-1616 Flemish botanist; The species membranacea = skin, parchment like with membranea;
LIFEFORM	Creeper 20cm x 1m long
STATUS	Near Threatened Occurs East coast Qld Moist or swampy situations in coastal wallum areas;
OCCURS	Sunshine Coast Qld, Maclean NSW
QLD DISTRICTS	Cook, Port Curtis, South Kennedy, Wide Bay
HABITAT	Coastal Heath, Swamp
LEAVES	Alternate 1.5-8 x 0.5-3 mm, oblong to elliptical, margins toothed or rarely entire, minutely pubescent; petiole very short or absent;
FLOWERS	Blue corolla split to base 3 lower lobes broader than upper 2; Calyx persistent corolla rotate. Flowering times June, Aug, Nov
FRUIT	Capsules, 1.5-3 mm, indehiscent, ellipsoid to globose, crowned by persistent calyx lobes. Fruiting times Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April, May
ROOTS	Roots from the nodes
STEM	Mat-forming herb rooting at the nodes
ETHNOBOTANY	Ornamental potential usage in landscaping as groundcover in moist shade areas, path edges, hanging baskets; Plant on edges of lakes, pools and slow-moving streams
TOLERANCE	Frost hardy, Full sun to part shade moist soils
INSECTS	<i>Cosmodes elegans</i> green blotched moth
ID FEATURE	Leaves tiny lime green, margins toothed, base rounded; stalks distinct. Anther tube 1.8 - 2.3 mm, with dense hairs 0.3-0.45 mm