Goodeniaceae
Dampiera stricta
wallum or blue dampiera

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ETYMOLOGY	(dam-pee-EER-a) After William Dampier 1652-1715 English buccaneer; The species stricta (STRICT-ah) very straight, erect, upright to draw tight;
LIFEFORM	20-60cm 50cm Herb
STATUS	Widespread in SE Australia in eastern states from coast to ranges Girraween N P in Moreton, Darling Downs district SE Qld, NSW, Vic, Tas; NSW Kincumber, Woy Woy,
OCCURS	Gurulmundi Q, Monga NSW, Tas, Vic
HABITAT	Inland to Coastal Heath
LEAVES	Basal, l.6-4.5 cm x 2-19 mm, linear or lanceolate, margins slightly curled at edges with a few teeth; sessile; bunched towards top of stem;
FLOWERS	Fan-shaped, 10-12 mm, dark blue occasionally white with yellowish brown hairs on calex; branches l-2 in leaf axils, l- or 2-flowered, Corolla with rusty hairs outside; wings 2-2.7 mm wide, smaller above auricle; **Flowering times** Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan
FRUIT	Capsules, 3 mm, ribbed, rusty-hairy ferruginous pubescent; **Fruiting times** Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb
ROOTS	Woody underground rootstock;
STEM	Erect multi-stemmed perennial subshrub, stem with 3 acute angles, glabrous or glabrescent except for flowers; few stemmed, spreading stem furrowed slightly, young
ETHNOBOTANY	Grows well in hanging baskets;
WILDLIFE:	Flowers visited by *Syrphidae Melanostoma apicale* (Slender Hoverfly) Plant eaten by rabbits
NATIVE BEES	Native bees probably feeding on nectar and pollinating flowers.
ID FEATURE	Stems acute angles + Leaves smooth with few irregularly toothed or entire; Flower 5-lobed blue with yellow throat + Buds rusty hairy;

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