

Field forget-me-not

Myosotis arvensis

Description

Introduced to North America as an ornamental garden plant.

Habit

Annual, usually biennial and sometimes perennial herb with a short taproot, many branches and growing 4-16 inches in height.

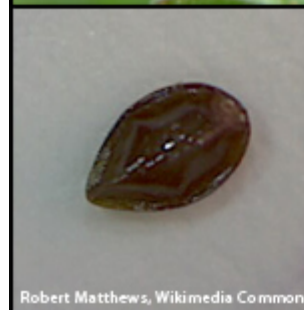
Leaves

Alternate, toothless, lower leaves mostly broadest above the middle, often stalked, up to 2 1/4 inches long and 2/3 wide. They become smaller, stalkless and lance-oblong as they ascend the stem. Densely covered in hairs with a fringe of hairs all around the edge.

Stems

Round or angled in cross section, multiple and branched at the base, erect, widely branched above, densely covered in hair.

Flowers



Raceme of stalked flowers at the tips of stems, cluster initially curled at the tip. 1/8 inch across, blue or white in color, tubular with 5 spreading, round to egg shaped lobes. Stalks are about 1/4 inch long. Bloom from May to September.

Fruits and Seeds

Small, 3 sided, black nutlet.

Habitat

Native to Eurasia. Can be found in fields, waste grounds, gardens, yards, meadows and rocky outcrops.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Spring Forget-me-not (*Myosotis verna*) and the non-native Wood Forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand pull before plants go to seed, making sure to remove all root fragments. Can be effectively controlled using any of several readily available general use herbicides such as glyphosate.

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