

# cape bluebell

*Wahlenbergia capensis*

NO IT'S NOT A  
**NATIVE!**

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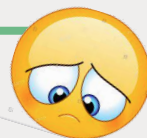
## About

- Native to South Africa.
- An annual herb with a one to a few stems and grows to a height of 14–50 cm.
- Up to four bluish-green long stalked flowers that are dark blue near the centre and often have black spots.



## Need to know

- Large numbers of seed are produced in capsules.
- The capsule is also covered by coarse stiff hairs which easily attach to animals.
- Already found between Kalbarri and Tambellup.
- Due to its annual life cycle it is also able to persist successfully on disturbed land, such as along roadsides and on cultivated land.



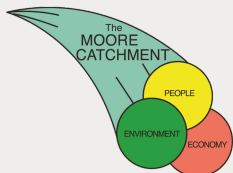
## WHAT YOU CAN DO



**PULL IT OUT**



**DESTROY  
FLOWERS and SEEDS**



# CONTROL cape bluebell

**IT  
DOESN'T  
BELONG**

Take a moment to  
deal with it.

## The Life Cycle



Germination and active growth in Spring.



Flowering occurs from September to December.



The flowers are pollinated by monkey beetles.



The fruit is a capsule 5–11 mm long and 5–9 mm wide containing many seeds.

## IT SPREADS BY SEED Carried by summer winds and animals



**PULL IT OUT**

- Best to remove before flowering.



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- Be careful to remove and destroy seeds.