



Two-bristle Greenhood Orchid  
*Pterostylis biseta*  
A native treasure of Moorunde

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# Common Heliotrope

## *Heliotropium europaeum*



Small Common Heliotrope plants in flower



Flower and leaf detail



Close up of small flower stem

Native to Europe, Asia, and North Africa, but widely naturalised elsewhere, including Australia and North America.

### Description

Prostrate to ascending annual herb to 60 cm high.

Plants have a well developed root system and emit an ill-smelling odour when crushed.

Leaves 1.5–9 cm long, 0.8–3 cm wide, ovate, paler below, leaf stalk to 4 cm long. Leaves grey-green, hairy, leaf base tapering to the leaf stalk.

Fruit consisting of 4 shortly hairy or hairless mericarps, 1.6–2 mm long.

Seed-like segments of fruit (mericarps) ovate, brown, 1–1.5 mm wide.

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Flowering Common heliotrope plant

