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**PLANT LIST****Ben Lomond - Alpine**

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Scientific name	status	Common Name	Description
Abrotanella forsteroides	e	tasmanian cushionplant	hard, bright green cushion plant; tiny white flowers protrude
Acaena montana	e	mountain buzzy	prostrate herb; spherical flower/seed heads with hooks
Acrothamnus hookeri		mountain beardheath	shrub to 60 cm; leaves blunt, to 10mm; white flowers hairy inside
Acrothamnus montanus		snow beardheath	shrub to 60m; blunt leaves to 10mm; white flowers hairless inside
Argyrotegium mackayi		white cottonleaf	small colony-forming rosette herb; white, cottony hairy; flower head on short stem which elongates when seeding
Asperula gunnii		mountain woodruff	mat herb; hairless leaves in whorls of 4; tiny white flowers
Asperula pusilla		alpine woodruff	mat herb, hairy; leaves in whorls of 6; tiny cream/white flowers
Astelia alpina	e	pineapple grass	mat-forming plant; leaves to 40cm; flowers pale yellow; fruit a red berry
Baeckea gunniana		alpine heathmyrtle	shrub to 2m; leaves to 5mm, oblong; flowers 5mm diam; white petals, red centre
Bellendena montana	e	mountain rocket	shrub to 1m; leaves to 4cm, variable shape; flowers white in broad spikes; fruit flat, bright red
Celmisia asteliifolia	e	silver snowdaisy	rosette herb to 30cm; leaves to 15cm, green above, silver hairy below; single large white daisy flower on long stem
Coprosma nitida		mountain currant	shrub to 2m; leaves small elliptical; flowers small; fruit spherical, orange/red
Coprosma perpusilla		orange matcurrant	prostrate shrub; leaves to 9 mm; yellowish flowers protruding
Coprosma pumila		dwarf matcurrant	prostrate shrub; leaves to 8 mm; fruit dark red
Coronidium scorpioides		curling everlasting	herb with single golden daisy flower heads on long stems
Cotula alpina		alpine buttons	rosette herb; leaves with narrow lobes; flower heads on short stems
Craspedia glabrata		little alpine billybuttons	herb; single white spherical daisy flowerheads to 12 mm diam.
Craspedia macrocephala	e	alpine billybuttons	herb; single white spherical daisy flower heads to 2.5 cm diam.
Drosera arcturi		alpine sundew	carnivorous rosette herb; leaves elongated; single white flower
Epacris gunnii		coral heath	shrub to 80 cm; leaves heart shaped, prickly; white tube flowers

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<i>Epacris serpyllifolia</i>	e	alpine heath	shrub to 1 m; blunt leaves to 3 mm long; white tube flowers
<i>Epilobium fugitivum</i>	e	blunt willowherb	erect herb; pink flowers with notched petal tips
<i>Epilobium gunnianum</i>		bog willowherb	erect herb to 30 cm; flowers purplish pink to 20 mm diam., petal tip notched
<i>Epilobium sarmentaceum</i>		mountain willowherb	erect herb to 20 cm; flowers pink to 15 mm diam, petal tip notched
<i>Epilobium tasmanicum</i>		snow willowherb	prostrate herb; leaves stalkless, glandular teeth; pink flowers on short stalks, petal tip notched
<i>Epilobium willisii</i>		carpet willowherb	prostrate herb; leaves stalkless, glandular teeth; pink flowers on long stalks, petal tip notched
<i>Euphrasia collina</i>	e	plain tufted-eyebright	erect herb to 50 cm; corolla two-lipped, white to lilac, outer surface hairy
<i>Ewartia catipes</i>	e	diamond cushionherb	mat-forming rosette herb; leaves woolly white; flower head pink/white at centre
<i>Ewartia planchonii</i>	e	creeping cushionherb	creeping rosette herb; leaves white woolly; flower heads above rosette
<i>Exocarpos humifusus</i>	e	mountain native-cherry	prostrate shrub; leaf scales alternate; tiny flowers in groups; fruit dark red
<i>Exocarpos nanus</i>		alpine native-cherry	prostrate shrub; leaf scales opposite; fruit dark red
<i>Gaultheria depressa</i>	t	creeping waxberry	prostrate shrub; leaves round, 10 mm diam; fruit to 10 mm diam; red/white
<i>Gaultheria lanceolata</i>		lanceleaf waxberry	hairy shrub to 30 cm; leaves to 20 mm long; fruit rose pink, 8 mm diam.
<i>Gaultheria tasmanica</i>	e	tasmanian waxberry	prostrate shrub, forms mat to 30cm diam; leaves to 6mm; flowers white, tubular; fruit red, fleshy, round, flattened,
<i>Gentianella diemensis</i>	e	tasmanian snowgentian	herb with rosette leaves spatulate; flowers white
<i>Gentianella diemensis</i>	e	ben lomond snowgentian	herb to 20cm; basal leaves elliptical; flowers white with violet markings
<i>Gonocarpus montanus</i>		mountain raspwort	herb, stems square in x-section, leaves opposite, flowers tiny, red
<i>Grevillea australis</i>		southern grevillea	low shrub; leaves narrow sharp-pointed; flowers white
<i>Kelleria dieffenbachii</i>		carpet riceflower	prostrate shrub; leaves narrow, linear, hairy ; tiny white flowers;
<i>Lagenophora montana</i>		mountain bottledaisy	rosette herb; single mauve daisy flower head to 9 mm diam. on tall stem
<i>Leionema montanum</i>	e	spreading waxflower	shrub; leaves 1 cm long, cylindrical; flowers white or pink
<i>Leptinella filicula</i>		fernny buttons	prostrate herb; leaves divided; single yellow flower head on stout stem,
<i>Leptospermum rupestre</i>	e	mountain teatree	shrub; leaves elliptical, 8 mm long; flowers 5-petaled; fruit woody
<i>Microseris lanceolata</i>		highland yam daisy	rosette herb; leaves erect, to 20 cm long; single yellow flower head on tall stem

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Monotoca empetrifolia	e	mat broomheath	shrub; leaves sharply pointed; flowers white, bell-shaped, 2-3 together
Montia australasica		white purslane	prostrate fleshy herb; leaves narrow, to 9 cm long; flowers white
Montitega dealbata	e	carpet cheeseberry	mat shrub; leaves blunt, to 4 mm long, waxy white under; flowers white bell shaped
Olearia algida		alpine daisybush	shrub to 60 cm; leaves 1-3 mm long, in clusters, dark green above, hairy white below; daisy flower heads small
Olearia obcordata	e	heartleaf daisybush	shrub to 60 cm; leaves wedge shaped with lobed ends; flower heads white
Oreomyrrhis ciliata		fringed caraway	rosette herb; leaves twice divided; flowers white, in flat-topped clusters on short stems
Oreomyrrhis eriopoda		australian caraway	rosett herb; leaves twice divided somewhat hairy; flowers small in heads
Oreomyrrhis sessiliflora	e	carroty caraway	rosette herb; leaves divided, hairless; flowers in heads
Orites acicularis	e	yellow orites	shrub to 1.5m; leaves cylindrical, yellowish, sharp-pointed; flowers creamy white
Orites diversifolius		variable orites	shrub to 2m; leaves variable, to 7cm long; flowers in pairs, creamy white
Orites revolutus	e	revolute orites	shrub to 2m; leaves rolled into a cylinder; flowers in pairs, white
Ourisia integrifolia	e	mountain whitebell	prostrate herb rooting at nodes; leaves thick, to 12 mm long; flowers white
Pappochroma bellidioide:		hairy mountindaisy	rosette herb; leaves hairy, to 8cm long; daisy flower head white or purplish
Pappochroma gunnii		smooth mountindaisy	rosette herb; leaves wedge shaped, hairless; daisy flower head white or purplish
Pappochroma pappocrone	e	violet mountindaisy	rosette herb; leaves spatulate, rough feel; daisy flower head white or purplish
Pappochroma stellatum	e	star mountindaisy	rosette herb; leaves to 2cm long, linear; daisy flower head white or cream
Pappochroma tasmanicu.		tasmanian mountindaisy	rosette herb; leaves bright green, stalked, hairless; flower head white to purple
Pappochroma trigonum		pointed mountindaisy	small daisy growing in cushion plants; flower heads white with purple centre
Pentachondra pumila		carpet frillyheath	prostrate mat forming shrub; leaves oblong to 4mm long; flowers tubular, white; fruit red
Pimelea pygmaea	e	alpine riceflower	soft, blue-green, prostrate cushion shrub; leaves 6mm long; single white flowers
Pimelea sericea	e	mountain riceflower	shrub to 70 cm; leaves hairy below, to 12 mm long; flowers white to pink, in heads
Plantago daltonii	e	alpine plantain	rosette herb; leaves hairless, to 10cm; sometimes in cushion plants
Plantago paradoxa	e	hairtuft plantain	rosette herb; leaves with transverse ridges;
Plantago tasmanica	e	tasmanian plantain	rosette herb; leaves thick, hairy;

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<i>Poa costiniana</i>		prickly snowgrass	tussock grass to 70cm tall; leaves circular in x section, pungent pointed (not endemic)
<i>Poa gunnii</i>	e	gunns snowgrass	tussock grass to 70cm tall; leaves circular in x-section, pointed ends
<i>Podocarpus lawrencei</i>		mountain plumpine	low shrub; leaves crowded, to 15 mm; female cone a fleshy red scale
<i>Podolepis decipiens</i>		showy copperwire-daisy	perennial herb to 60cm high; leaves in a rosette & smaller up stem; daisy flower, yellow, solitary, to 4cm diam, petals toothed at ends
<i>Prasophyllum alpinum</i>	e	alpine leek-orchid	herb to 30cm tall; stem hollw with 5 - 14 small green-white flowers
<i>Pterygopappus lawrencei</i>	e	sage cushionplant	sage-green soft cushion plant; leaves form hexagons with tiny flower at centre
<i>Ranunculus gunnianus</i>		tufted buttercup	rosette herb; leaves erect, divided several times; flowers white/yellow, single
<i>Ranunculus nanus</i>	e	dwarf buttercup	rosette herb. leaves with three lobes; flowers golden on long stems, to 15mm diam.
<i>Richea acerosa</i>	e	slender candleheath	shrub to 1.2m; leaves narrow, sharp pointed, erect, 14mm long; white flowers at end of branch
<i>Richea gunnii</i>	e	bog candleheath	shrub to 1m; leaves at ends of branches, curved down, to 4cm long, sharp; flowers white
<i>Richea scoparia</i>	e	scoparia	shrub to >1m; leave to 6cm, sharp pointed; flowers in long dense spikes, white/pink/red
<i>Richea sprengeioides</i>	e	rigid candleheath	shrub to 40cm; leaves to 13cm, sharply pointed; flowers yellow at ends of branches
<i>Scapisenecio pectinatus</i>	e	yellow alpine groundsel	rosette herb; leaves deeply lobed, hairless; single yellow flower head on vertical stem
<i>Senecio gunnii</i>	e	mountain fireweed	erect herb to 50cm; leaves green above purple below; flowers, no petals, in groups
<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i>		common coast groundsel	very variable perennial herb to 60 cm; leaves fleshy and divided; flowers yellow daisies often in loose heads. There are 5 varieties.
<i>Veronica ciliolata</i>		ben lomond cushionplant	cushion plant. hard green; flowers white, single among foliage
<i>Veronica nivea</i>		snow speedwell	small shrub to 50 cm; leaves divided; flowers in spikes, white, blue or mauve
<i>Wahlenbergia saxicola</i>	e	mountain bluebell	herb to 9 cm high; leaves elliptical to 3 cm; flowers blue, bell-shaped
<i>Xerochrysum subundulat.</i>		orange paperdaisy	herb to 29cm tall, in colonies; flowers golden, to 5cm diam, single on stems



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snow beardheath
shrub to 60m; blunt leaves to 10mm; white flowers hairless
inside



GJ [Argyrotegium mackayi](#)

white cottonleaf
small colony-forming rosette herb; white, cottony hairy; flower
head on short stem which elongates when seeding



GJ [Asperula gunnii](#)

mountain woodruff
mat herb; hairless leaves in whorls of 4; tiny white flowers

[Asperula pusilla](#)

alpine woodruff
mat herb, hairy; leaves in whorls of 6; tiny cream/white flowers



GJ [Astelia alpina](#)

var. alpina
pineapple grass
mat-forming plant; leaves to 40cm; flowers pale yellow; fruit a
red berry



GJ *Baeckea gunniana*

alpine heathmyrtle
shrub to 2m; leaves to 5mm, oblong; flowers 5mm diam; white petals, red centre



RS *Bellendenia montana*

mountain rocket
shrub to 1m; leaves to 4cm, variable shape; flowers white in broad spikes; fruit flat, bright red



RS *Celmisia asteliifolia*

silver snowdaisy
rosette herb to 30cm; leaves to 15cm, green above, silver hairy below; single large white daisy flower on long stem



RW *Coprosma nitida*

mountain currant
shrub to 2m; leaves small elliptical; flowers small; fruit spherical, orange/red



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subsp. *perpusilla*
orange matcurrant
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GJ [*Coprosma pumila*](#)

dwarf matcurreant
prostrate shrub; leaves to 8 mm; fruit dark red



RS [*Coronidium scorpioides*](#)

curling everlasting
herb with single golden daisy flower heads on long stems



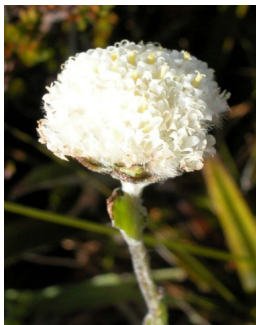
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alpine buttons
rosette herb; leaves with narrow lobes; flower heads on short stems



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little alpine billybuttons
herb; single white spherical daisy flowerheads to 12 mm diam.



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carnivorous rosette herb; leaves elongated; single white flower



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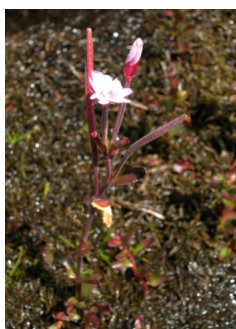
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creeping rosette herb; leaves white woolly; flower heads above rosette



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mountain native-cherry
prostrate shrub; leaf scales alternate; tiny flowers in groups;
fruit dark red



GJ [*Exocarpos nanus*](#)

alpine native-cherry
prostrate shrub; leaf scales opposite; fruit dark red



GJ [*Gaultheria depressa*](#)

creeping waxberry
prostrate shrub; leaves round, 10 mm diam; fruit to 10 mm
diam; red/white



GJ [*Gaultheria lanceolata*](#)

lanceleaf waxberry
hairy shrub to 30 cm; leaves to 20 mm long; fruit rose pink, 8
mm diam.



GJ *Gaultheria tasmanica*

tasmanian waxberry
prostrate shrub, forms mat to 30cm diam; leaves to 6mm;
flowers white, tubular; fruit red, fleshy, round, flattened,



GJ *Gentianella diemensis*

subsp. diemensis
tasmanian snowgentian
herb with rosette leaves spatulate; flowers white

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subsp. plantaginea
ben lomond snowgentian
herb to 20cm; basal leaves elliptical; flowers white with violet
markings



RS *Gonocarpus montanus*

mountain raspwort
herb, stems square in x-section, leaves opposite, flowers tiny,
red



GJ *Grevillea australis*

southern grevillea
low shrub; leaves narrow sharp-pointed; flowers white



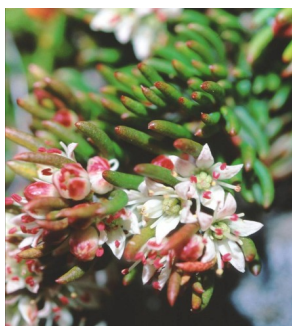
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carpet riceflower
prostrate shrub; leaves narrow, linear, hairy ; tiny white flowers;



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mountain bottledaisy
rosette herb; single mauve daisy flower head to 9 mm diam. on tall stem



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spreading waxflower
shrub; leaves 1 cm long, cylindrical; flowers white or pink



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ferny buttons
prostrate herb; leaves divided; single yellow flower head on stout stem,



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mountain teatree
shrub; leaves elliptical, 8 mm long; flowers 5-petaled; fruit woody



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highland yam daisy
rosette herb; leaves erect, to 20 cm long; single yellow flower head on tall stem



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mat broomheath
shrub; leaves sharply pointed; flowers white, bell-shaped, 2-3 together



RS *Montia australasica*

white purslane
prostrate fleshy herb; leaves narrow, to 9 cm long; flowers white



GJ *Montitega dealbata*

carpet cheeseberry
mat shrub; leaves blunt, to 4 mm long, waxy white under; flowers white bell shaped



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alpine daisybush
shrub to 60 cm; leaves 1-3 mm long, in clusters, dark green above, hairy white below; daisy flower heads small



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heartleaf daisybush
shrub to 60 cm; leaves wedge shaped with lobed ends; flower heads white



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fringed caraway
rosette herb; leaves twice divided; flowers white, in flat-topped clusters on short stems



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australian caraway
rosette herb; leaves twice divided somewhat hairy; flowers small in heads



RS [*Oreomyrrhis sessiliflora*](#)

carrot caraway
rosette herb; leaves divided, hairless; flowers in heads



GJ [*Orites acicularis*](#)

yellow orites
shrub to 1.5m; leaves cylindrical, yellowish, sharp-pointed; flowers creamy white



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variable orites
shrub to 2m; leaves variable, to 7cm long; flowers in pairs,
creamy white



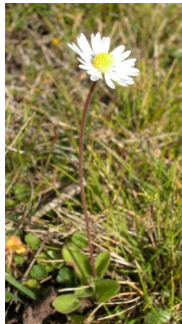
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revolute orites
shrub to 2m; leaves rolled into a cylinder; flowers in pairs,
white



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mountain whitebell
prostrate herb rooting at nodes; leaves thick, to 12 mm long;
flowers white



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hairy mountindaisy
rosette herb; leaves hairy, to 8cm long; daisy flower head
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smooth mountindaisy
rosette herb; leaves wedge shaped, hairless; daisy flower
head white or purplish



GJ [Pappochroma pappocromum](#)

violet mountain daisy
rosette herb; leaves spatulate, rough feel; daisy flower head
white or purplish



GJ [Pappochroma stellatum](#)

star mountain daisy
rosette herb; leaves to 2cm long, linear; daisy flower head
white or cream

[Pappochroma tasmanicum](#)

tasmanian mountain daisy
rosette herb; leaves bright green, stalked, hairless; flower head
white to purple

[Pappochroma trigonum](#)

pointed mountain daisy
small daisy growing in cushion plants; flower heads white with
purple centre



RS [Pentachondra pumila](#)

carpet frilly heath
prostrate mat forming shrub; leaves oblong to 4mm long;
flowers tubular, white; fruit red



GJ *Pimelea pygmaea*

alpine riceflower
soft, blue-green, prostrate cushion shrub; leaves 6mm long;
single white flowers



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mountain riceflower
shrub to 70 cm; leaves hairy below, to 12 mm long; flowers
white to pink, in heads



GJ *Plantago daltonii*

alpine plantain
rosette herb; leaves hairless, to 10cm; sometimes in cushion
plants



RS *Plantago paradoxa*

hairtuft plantain
rosette herb; leaves with transverse ridges;



GJ *Plantago tasmanica*

tasmanian plantain
rosette herb; leaves thick, hairy;

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prickly snowgrass
tussock grass to 70cm tall; leaves circular in x section,
pungent pointed (not endemic)



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gunns snowgrass
tussock grass to 70cm tall; leaves circular in x-section, pointed
ends



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mountain plumpine
low shrub; leaves crowded, to 15 mm; female cone a fleshy
red scale



RS [Podolepis decipiens](#)

showy copperwire-daisy
perennial herb to 60cm high; leaves in a rosette & smaller up
stem; daisy flower, yellow, solitary, to 4cm diam, petals
toothed at ends

[Prasophyllum alpinum](#)

alpine leek-orchid
herb to 30cm tall; stem hollow with 5 - 14 small green-white
flowers



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sage cushionplant
sage-green soft cushion plant; leaves form hexagons with tiny flower at centre



RS *Ranunculus gunnianus*

tufted buttercup
rosette herb; leaves erect, divided several times; flowers white/yellow, single



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dwarf buttercup
rosette herb. leaves with three lobes; flowers golden on long stems, to 15mm diam.



RS *Richea acerosa*

slender candleheath
shrub to 1.2m; leaves narrow, sharp pointed, erect, 14mm long; white flowers at end of branch



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bog candleheath
shrub to 1m; leaves at ends of branches, curved down, to 4cm long, sharp; flowers white



RS [Richea scoparia](#)

scoparia
shrub to >1m; leaf to 6cm, sharp pointed; flowers in long dense spikes, white/pink/red



RS [Richea sprengelioides](#)

rigid candleheath
shrub to 40cm; leaves to 13cm, sharply pointed; flowers yellow at ends of branches



GJ [Scapisenecio pectinatus](#)

var. pectinatus
yellow alpine groundsel
rosette herb; leaves deeply lobed, hairless; single yellow flower head on vertical stem



RS [Senecio gunnii](#)

mountain fireweed
erect herb to 50cm; leaves green above purple below; flowers, no petals, in groups



RS [Senecio pinnatifolius](#)

common coast groundsel
very variable perennial herb to 60 cm; leaves fleshy and divided; flowers yellow daisies often in loose heads. There are 5 varieties.



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subsp. *fiordensis*
ben lomond cushionplant
cushion plant. hard green; flowers white, single among foliage



GJ [*Veronica nivea*](#)

snow speedwell
small shrub to 50 cm; leaves divided; flowers in spikes, white, blue or mauve



GJ [*Wahlenbergia saxicola*](#)

mountain bluebell
herb to 9 cm high; leaves elliptical to 3 cm; flowers blue, bell-shaped



RS [*Xerochrysum subundulatum*](#)

orange paperdaisy
herb to 29cm tall, in colonies; flowers golden, to 5cm diam, single on stems