

3. BELOSYNOPSIS Hasskarl, Flora 54: 259. 1871.

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Herbs perennial, creeping. Rhizomes long. Leaves alternate. Cincinni terminal or axillary, with several flowers, rarely flowers solitary; peduncle short; involucre bracts leaflike, not spathe-like. Flowers actinomorphic. Sepals \pm free, slightly connate only at base. Petals free, blue or purplish, linear. Stamens 6, all fertile, equal; filaments lanate; anther locules longitudinally dehiscent. Ovary 3-loculed; ovules 2 per locule. Capsule 3-valved, ellipsoid, 3-grooved. Seeds 2 per valve, cylindrical-subangular, reticulate; hilum orbicular.

Three species: S Asia; one species in China.

Belosynopsis is distinguished from *Cyanotis* in having involucre bracts neither spathe-like nor imbricate, and petals wholly free.

1. *Belosynopsis ciliata* (Blume) R. S. Rao, Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinburgh 25: 187. 1964.

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Tradescantia ciliata Blume, Catalogus, 61. 1823; *Cyanotis kawakamii* Hayata; *T. capitata* Blume.

Rhizome and stems together more than 50 cm long. Stems prostrate, branched, rooting at nodes, glabrous or pubescent along a line. Leaf with sheath ca. 0.3 mm, membranous, pilose; leaf blade lanceolate to broadly ovate, 1.5–6 \times 0.8–2.3 cm, margin ciliate, elsewhere glabrous or abaxially hirsutulous. Cincinni axillary, with (1 or) 2 to several flowers; involucre bracts leaflike, wider than leaves; bracts obovate-spatulate or lanceolate, 5–10 \times 2–3 mm, margin ciliate. Pedicels 1–2 mm. Sepals lanceolate or ovate-lanceolate, 4–6 \times ca. 1.3 mm, pilose. Petals pink, blue, or blue-purple, obovate, ca. 5 \times 2.6 mm. Filaments bearded. Ovary hirsute distally. Capsule oblong or ellipsoid, 2.5–3.5 mm, with 3 longitudinal grooves, apex hirsute. Seeds gray, cylindrical, ca. 1.6 \times 0.8 mm, angled, rugose. Fl. Jun–Jul.

Rocks in forests; near sea level to 2300 m. S Guangdong, S Guangxi (Longzhou Xian, Rong Xian), Hainan, Taiwan, Yunnan [India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam].