

A NEW VARIETY OF *GAGEA PAMIRICA* GROSSH. FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH

Gagea pamirica Grossh. var. ***spitiensis*** Balodi
et Uniyal *var. nov.*

A varietate typica differt pedicellis longioribus, lobis perianthii 3-nervis, filamentisque dilatatis.

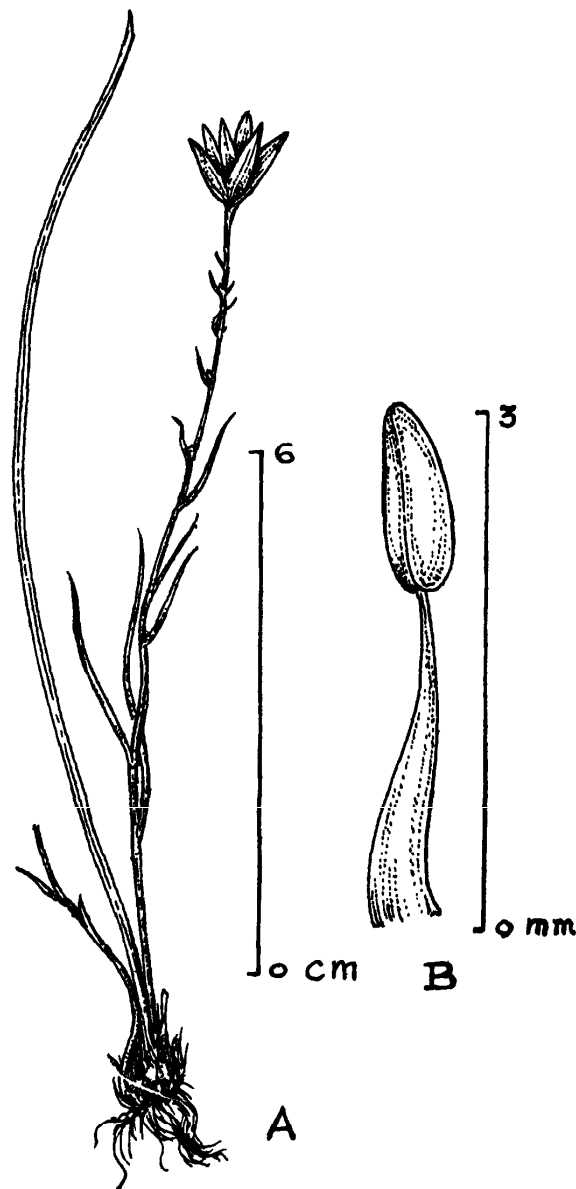
Holotypus : INDIA : Himachal Pradesh, Lahul & Spiti, U. C. Bhattacharyya 48975 (BSD).

Bulbiferous, small 7-11 cm high herbs, bulbs 6-9 mm long, ovoid, profusely rooting at the base, outer scales fibrous; radical leaves 5.6-10 cm long, solitary or 2, linear, base broad, fleshy forming the bulbs, glabrous or hairy on the margins; cauline leaves 0.2-4.5 cm long, linear, acute, gradually decreasing in size upwards, alternate, glabrous or hairy, bearing bulbils in the axils; bulbils *ca* 0.5 mm long; bracts indistinct. Flowers 6-8.5 mm long, terminal, solitary; pedicels 5-7.5 mm long, hairy or glabrous; perianth lobes 6-8.5 mm long, oblong-lanceolate, acute, erect, 3-nerved, 2-seriate, yellow; filaments 2-2.5 mm long, dilated at the base; anthers 1.5-1.6 mm long, broadly oblong; ovary 2.5-3 mm long; style 1.5-2 mm long.

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A. *Gagea pamirica* Grossh. var. *spitiensis*. B. Stamen.