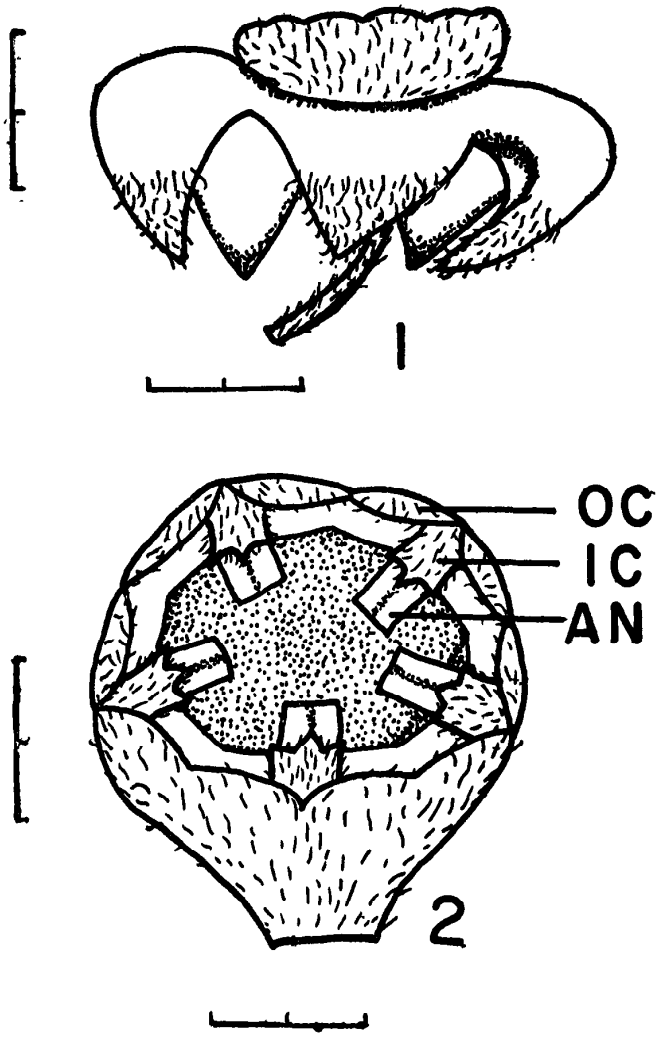
et Hems. but differs from it in the following characters ; corolla lobes deltoid, reflexed ; corona staminal, 2-seriate ; outer corona 5-bifid, obtuse not reflexed ; inner corona 5-lobed tridentate, overtopping the anthers ; hairy.



Brachystelma elenaduensis

Figs. 1-2 : 1. Flower ×8. 2. Staminal corona ×20. OC-Outer corona, IC-Inner corona, AN-Anther.

Flowering: April-June, *Fruiting*: May-August.

Specimens examined: *M. B. S. Char* s. n., deposited at St. Joseph College, Bangalore ; *TMR* 1336-1339, 1358, 1389, Herbarium, Department of Botany, Manasagangotri, Mysore.

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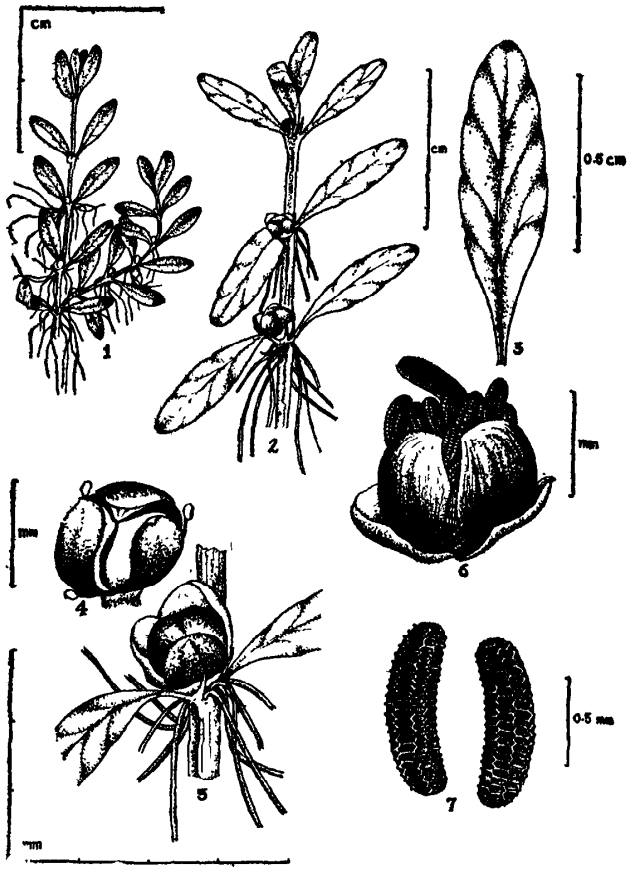
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ELATINE GRACILIS MASON (ELATINACEAE) —AN ADDITION TO THE FLORA OF INDIA

During an intensive survey of the flora of Himachal Pradesh the author came across a few interesting plant species. One of these is *Elatine gracilis* Mason, a north American weed collected from Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh growing in rice fields. Since this species has not been recorded in Indian floras, the description and illustration of the plant are provided for easy identification.

The species differs from *E. americana* Arn. and *E. ambigua* Wight by following characters.

1a.	Flowers sessile; seeds 6-12 in each locule:	
	2a. Seeds 12 in each locule ..	*E. americana*
	2b. Seeds 6-8 in each locule ..	*E. gracilis*
1b.	Flowers subsessile to distinctly pedicelled; seeds 4 or 5 in each locule ..	*E. ambigua*



Elatine gracilis Mason

Figs. 1-7 : 1. Habit. 2. A portion of the branch. 3. Leaf. 4. Flower. 5. A portion of the branch showing young fruit. 6. Nature fruit. 7. Seeds.

Elatine gracilis Mason in Madrono, 13: 240. 1956 et Fl. of Marshes of California, 583. f. 267. 1957.

Prostrate herbs rooting at the nodes, 2-5 cm tall. Leaves opposite, equal to the internodes in length or slightly longer, linear-elliptic to obovate, narrowed to a petiole-like base, 5-9 mm long with attenuate, lacerate stipules, margin of the blade with a few crenulations, each with a minute callus. Flower one at each node, sessile 0.6 - 1.5 mm. Sepals three ; petals 3, thin, membranous ; stamens 3-1, alternate with the 3 carpels. Seeds 6-8 in each locule, straight or slightly curved with 25-35 pits, 0.8 - 1.0 mm long.

Specimen studied: HIMACHAL PRADESH: Dist. Mandi, Jogender Nagar, S. K. Murti, 61815 (BSD).

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A NEW VARIETY OF *SABIA CAMPANULATA* WALL. (SABIACEAE) FROM SIKKIM

During the revision of the family Sabiaceae for Flora of India, a specimen collected by G. King from Sikkim Himalaya at an altitude of 5000 feet is found to be different from the type and it is proposed to consider it as a new variety of *Sabia campanulata.* The characters given below help in the identification of the new variety.

Sabia campanulata Wall. var. *campanulata*	*Sabia campanulata* Wall. var. *kingiana* Nayar et Majumder
1. Flower larger.	1. Flower smaller.
2. Stamens shorter than petals.	2. Stamens longer than petals.
3. Petals subrounded to obovate.	3. Petals ovate to oblong.
4. Petals 6-10 × 4-7 mm.	4. Petals 3-3.5 × 2-2.5 mm.

Sabia campanulata Wall. var. **kingiana** Nayar et Majumder *var. nov.*