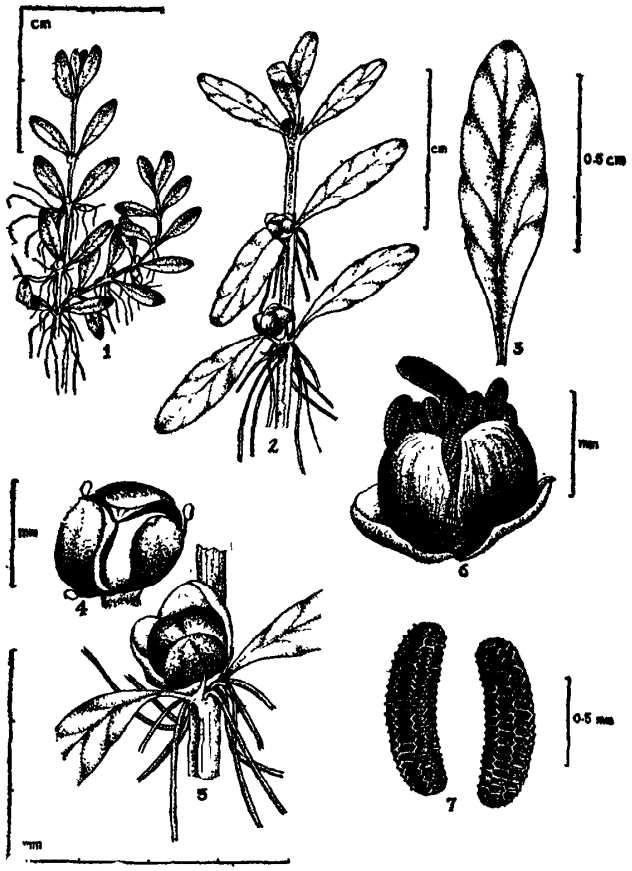
1a.	Flowers sessile; seeds 6-12 in each locule:	
	2a. Seeds 12 in each locule ..	*E. americana*
	2b. Seeds 6-8 in each locule ..	*E. gracilis*
1b.	Flowers subsessile to distinctly pedicelled; seeds 4 or 5 in each locule ..	*E. ambigua*



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.

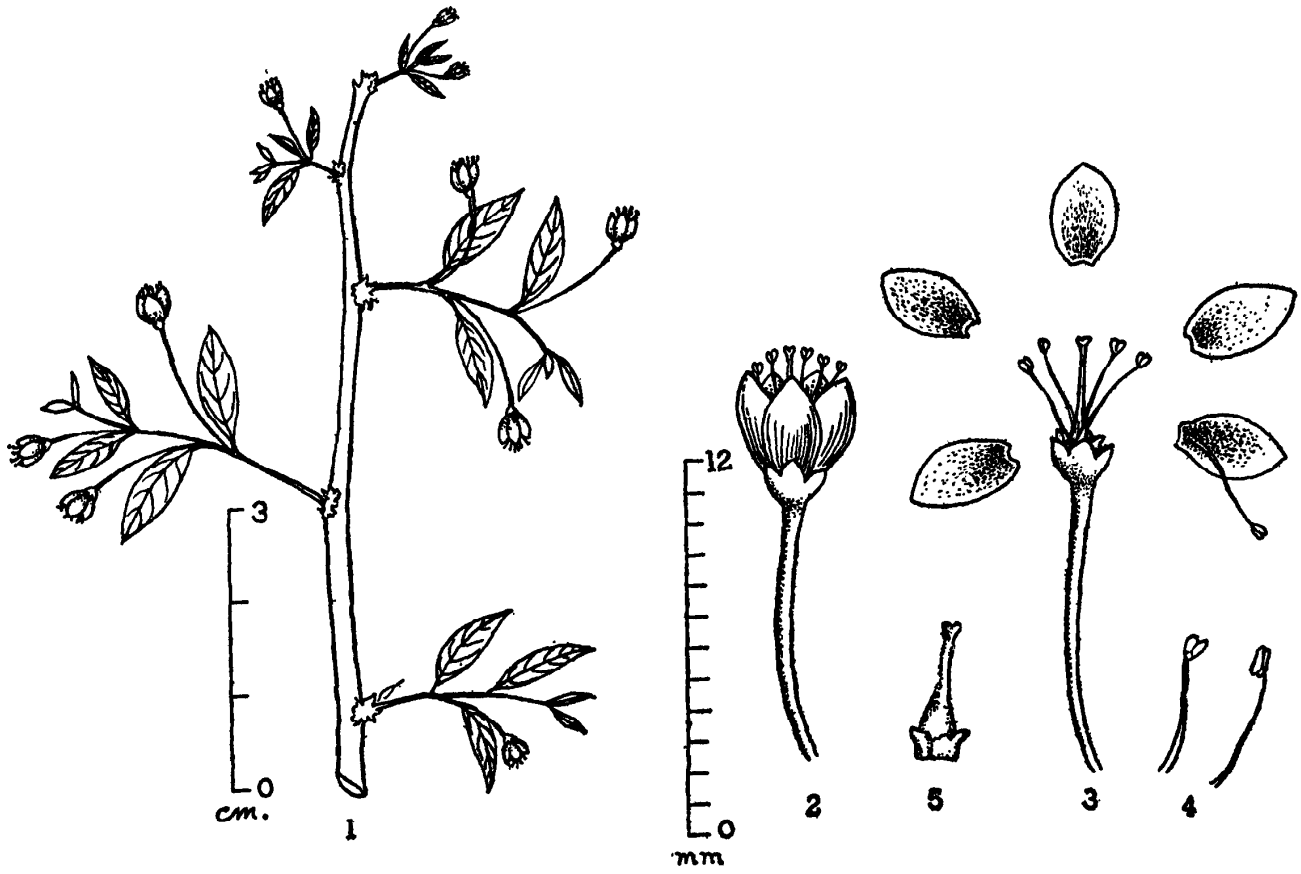
Sabia campanulata Wall. var. *campanulata*	*Sabia campanulata* Wall. var. *kingiana* Nayar et Majumder
1. Flower larger.	1. Flower smaller.
2. Stamens shorter than petals.	2. Stamens longer than petals.
3. Petals subrounded to obovate.	3. Petals ovate to oblong.
4. Petals 6-10 × 4-7 mm.	4. Petals 3-3.5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

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

A typo dipert, filamentis petalo longioribus, floribus minoribus, petalisque ovatis vel oblongis.

Allied to var. *campanulata,* but differs in having filaments which are longer than petals, smaller flowers and ovate to oblong petals.

A woody climber or scandent shrub with pubescent young shoots. Leaves alternate, lanceolate, 1.0 - 3.0 × 0.5 - 1.0 cm, apex acuminate, acute at the base, nerves 4-6 pairs. Bud scales present at the base of flowering branch. Flowers solitary, axillary on 1.5-2 cm long peduncles and appearing with the new leaves. Sepals 5, united at the base, about 0.75 mm long. Petals 5, free, ovate to oblong, 3 - 3.5 × 2 - 2.5 mm. Stamens 5, free, about 4 mm long, opposite to the petals, extrorse, anther oblong-ellipsoid. Ovary 1 mm, bilocular, style 3 mm long, minutely lobed.



Sabia campanulata Wall. var. *kingiana* Nayar *et* Majumdar

Figs. 1-5 : 1. Flowering twig. 2. Flower. 3. Dissected Flower. 4. Stamens. 5. Gynoecium.

Holotype: G. King s. n. CAL Accession No. 97399, Sikkim, Himalaya.

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