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Lindernia oppositifolia

Lindernia oppositifolia (L.) Mukerjee, J. Indian Bot. Soc. 24: 134 1945. (Syn: [Bonnaya minima G.Don](#); [Gratiola oppositifolia L. ex Willd.](#));

Procumbent herbs; stems glabrous. Leaves to 4 x 0.5 cm, linear-oblong, acute, distantly serrate, sessile. Racemes to 13 cm long, terminal; pedicels opposite, 2 cm long, slender, perpendicular to the axis. Flowers paired; sepals 7 mm long, linear lanceolate, free to the base; corolla 12 mm long; upper lip entire or emarginate, lower lip equally 3-lobed; anthers divaricate; staminodes linear, bulged at apex. Capsule 17 x 1.5 mm, terete; seeds 0.3 mm long, obovoid, minutely muriculate.

Flowering and fruiting: July-October

Marshy areas, also in the plains

Peninsular India

(From [India Biodiversity Portal](#))

Attributions- [Dr. N Sasidharan \(Dr. B P Pal Fellow\), Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi](#))

Lindernia oppositifolia is widely distributed in South and South West Asia. In India, it occurs throughout Tamil Nadu, Puducherry (Padmavathy et al. 2010), Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat (Cook 1996).

Often gregarious (Cook 1996). Recent study recorded 16.2 individuals/m² in upland and 4.6 individuals/m² in lowland paddy field of Mahendranagar in Nepal (Bhatt et al. 2009). Whereas, it was reported very common in 1957 and density reduction in 2000-2002 because of habitat alteration and vegetal cover variation at Harni pond in Baroda, India (Dave and Krishnaya 2004).

(From [IUCN Red List \(LC\)](#))

[Lindernia oppositifolia from Iruppu, Kodagu, Karnataka](#): please find attached few photos of Lindernia oppositifolia spread over in paddyfield (30 07 30) in [Iruppu area, Kodagu, Karnataka](#)

Stems erect, not rooting at nodes; leaves linear-oblong, sessile; flowers solitary, axillary; corolla less than 6 mm long; Marshy herbs with blue flowers. A weed of paddy fields - Mysore Flora - Rao & Razi & Tamilnadu carnatic - KM Matthew.

[Lindernia sp. \(3\) from Hooghly 15/8/12 SK-3:](#)

Could this be Lindernia antipoda (L.) Alston ?

Species : [Lindernia antipoda \(L.\) Alston](#) ?

Habit & Habitat : small herb on pond steps, about 15 cm tall

Date : 3/6/12, 8.31 A.M.

Place : [Nalikul \(Hooghly\)](#)

Links visited :

- <http://flowers.la.coocan.jp/Linderniaceae/Lindernia%20antipoda.htm>
- http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=2&taxon_id=200020717
- <http://www.flickr.com/photos/phuonlovejesus2782010/5127395001/>

I think it is not Lindernia antipoda (L.) Alston, may be any other species

Thank you once again ..., i also noticed the differences in flowers.

I think this is Lindernia oppositifolia.

I am grateful to ... for the ID of this plant.

[Scrophulariaceae Fortnight: 2 in 1 : sk02](#) : Attachments (6). 6 posts by 3 authors.

The one with much bigger flowers is Lindernia antipoda (L.) Alston, as have been identified earlier - <https://sites.google.com/site/efloraofindia/species/a--l/l/linderniaceae/lindernia/lindernia-antipoda>. (more precisely, i think not of FoC or F. B. I., but Vandellia veronicaefolia of Haines)

The one with much smaller flowers (in 1st and last pics) is same as in yesterday's post -

<https://groups.google.com/d/msg/indiantreepix/SDWmmB44VxU/gGqo1hRzD8I>.

Recorded today (5.8.13), in Hooghly.

[Lindernia](#) species in efi

I am not confirmed, but think close to Lindernia oppositifolia (L.) Mukerjee. I can confirm on 14th Aug. the day i will go to Central National Herbarium. Based on this live photo, I can consult and identify.

Thanks ... Many thanks to ...

Scrophulariaceae Fortnight: unknown : sk01: Attachments (8). 6 posts by 2 authors.

This seems to be same flower/plant as in my earlier post, at

- <https://sites.google.com/site/efloraofindia/species/a---l/l/linderniaceae/lindernia/lindernia-oppositifolia>.

But, Lindernia oppositifolia (L.) Mukherjee has blue flowers -

- http://plantillustrations.org/illustration.php?id_illustration=61366&height=1080
- F.B.I. - <http://ia700606.us.archive.org/BookReader/BookReaderImages.php?id=mobot21753000004357&itemPath=%2F23%2Fitems%2Fmobot21753000004357&server=ia700606.us.archive.org>
- F. I. - <http://ia600502.us.archive.org/BookReader/BookReaderImages.php?id=floraindicaord01roxb&itemPath=%2F21%2Fitems%2Ffloraindicaord01roxb&server=ia600502.us.archive.org&page>

Date : 31/7/13

Place : Hooghly

Couldn't find much info on plant description of Lindernia oppositifolia (L.) Mukerjee; though it seems to be very common as per [IUCN](#) !

One source informs ([p87 of this linked doc](#)) = flower is "white with pink centre. Locally abundant. On marshy ground within scrub jungles (K. M. Mathew)". But, the same doc fails to provide any detail, hesitant too!

I wonder why eFl, with its 2000+ members, doesn't have a third post on Lindernia oppositifolia (L.) Mukerjee !!!

[eFl link of Lindernia oppositifolia \(L.\) Mukerjee](#) is not helpful at all.

Attaching screenshots of 1) Fl. Br. Ind. 2) F. I. 3) Botany of Bihar and Orissa.

- distribution, flowers, bracts do not tally
- maybe leaves and pedicels too - http://ww2.bgbm.org/herbarium/view_large.cfm?SpecimenPK=37804&idThumb=312778&SpecimenSequenz=1&loan=0
- even Dr, Haines didn't see it in Bihar & Orissa

Thank you,

here are the screenshots.

Feedback from [another thread](#):

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References:

[The Plant List](#) [Annotated checklist of Flowering plants of Nepal](#) (As in bold at top) [India Biodiversity Portal](#) [IUCN Red List \(LC\)](#) [Plant Illustrations](#)

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