

14. PHILOXERUS R. Brown, Prodr. 416. 1810.

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Herbs creeping, glabrous or slightly tomentose. Leaves opposite, margin entire. Flowers perfect, densely clustered in heads. Heads terminal or axillary, globose or terete. Bracts papery; bracteoles keeled, without distal crest. Tepals 5, with short claw at base. Stamens 5; filaments subulate, connate into a cup at base, lateral appendages absent, pseudostaminodes absent; anthers 1-loculed. Ovary ovoid, compressed; style very short; stigma 2-parted; ovule 1, pendulous. Seeds shiny, lenticular.

About 15 species: W Africa, E Asia, E North and South America, Pacific Islands; one species in China.

1. *Philoxerus wrightii* J. D. Hooker in Bentham & J. D. Hooker, Gen. Pl. 3: 40. 1880.

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Blutaparon wrightii (J. D. Hooker) J. A. Mears.

Herbs dwarf, 2–5 cm tall. Stem caespitose, much branched, glabrous. Petiole 2–3 mm, glabrous; leaf blade obovate-spatulate, 4–8 × 2–3 mm, glabrous, base attenuate, apex obtuse. Heads terminal, small, 5–7 mm, with a short rachis. Bracts and bracteoles ovate, 1.5–1.7 mm, with 1 or 3 veins, apex obtuse. Filaments connate into a tube at base, united part ca. as long as free part. Style persistent, slender; stigma subulate. Utricles enclosed in perianth, ovoid, compressed, membranous. Seeds brown. Fl. May–Aug.

Rocky shores; sea level. Taiwan [Japan].

