

12. CONSOLIDA (de Candolle) S. F. Gray, Nat. Arr. Brit. Pl. 2: 711. 1821.

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Delphinium Linnaeus sect. *Consolida* de Candolle, Syst. Nat. 1: 341. 1817.

Herbs annual. Leaves basal and cauline; leaf blade palmately divided. Inflorescence racemose or compoundly so. Pedicels usually 2-bracteolate. Flowers bisexual, zygomorphic. Sepals 5, petaloid, purple, blue, or white, upper one spurred. Petals 2, connate, spurred, subentire or 3–5-lobed; spur nectariferous. Staminodes absent. Stamens numerous; filaments lanceolate-linear, 1-veined; anthers ellipsoid. Carpel 1; ovary many ovulate. Style without a distinct stigma. Follicle narrowly oblong, reticulate. Seeds subtetrahedral, densely transversely squamulose winged.

About 43 species: N Africa, W Asia, S Europe; one species in China.

Consolida ambigua (Linnaeus) P. W. Ball & Heywood, a native of SW Asia and S Europe, is often cultivated in China as an ornamental.

1. *Consolida rugulosa* (Boissier) Schrödinger, Ann. K. K. Naturhist. Hofmus. 27: 43. 1913.

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Delphinium rugulosum Boissier, Ann. Sci. Nat. 16: 361. 1841.

Stem 5–10 cm tall, puberulent, simple or branched. Basal leaf 1, cauline leaves ca. 2, shortly petiolate; petiole ca. 0.8 cm; leaf blade rhombic or broadly so, 3-sect, 0.7–1.7 × 0.6–1.3 cm, papery, sparsely puberulent, base cuneate or broadly so; segments 1 or 2 × dissected or undivided, ultimate lobules linear. Raceme 3.5–7.5 cm, 3–5-flowered, puberulent and mixed with a few yellow, glandular hairs; bracts leaflike. Pedicels 1–3 mm; bracteoles proximal, linear, ca. 2 mm. Sepals white, abaxially puberulent; upper sepal narrowly ovate, ca. 6.5 × 3 mm, spur subulate, ca. 1.8 cm, base ca. 3 mm in diam.; other sepals ca. 6.5 mm. Petals 3-lobed, glabrous. Filaments glabrous. Ovary densely puberulent. Follicle 0.9–1.2 cm, pubescent, reticulate. Seeds ca. 1.8 mm. Fl. Apr–May.

Grassy places; ca. 700 m. W Xinjiang [Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan; SW Asia].

