
钝背草属 dun bei cao shu

Herbs perennial, cespitose, strigose. Leaves alternate, oblanceolate, apex obtuse. Cymes bracteate. Calyx 5-parted to base; lobes erect, linear, slightly enlarged in fruit. Corolla blue; tube shorter than calyx; throat appendaged; limb broadly campanulate, 3–5 mm wide; lobes overlapping, apex obtuse. Stamens inserted at middle of corolla tube, included; filaments extremely short; anthers oblong, base and apex obtuse. Ovary 4-parted. Style included; stigma capitate. Gynobase nearly flat. Nutlets vertical, slightly curved, adaxially longitudinally keeled; abaxially convex, glabrous, shiny; attachment scar at base adaxially, triangular.

One species: China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Russia.


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*Myosotis rupestris* Pallas ex Georgi, Bemerkungen Reise Russe 1: 200. 1775; *Amblynotus obovatus* (Ledebour) I. M. Johnston; *Eritrichium davuricum* (Pallas ex Roemer & Schultes) Brand; *E. maackii* Maximowicz; *E. obovatum* (Ledebour) A. de Candolle; *Myosotis davurica* Pallas ex Roemer & Schultes; *M. obovata* Ledebour.

Stems several to numerous, erect, ascending or decumbent, slightly branched above, 6–8 cm tall, short strigose. Leaves densely strigose; basal and lower stem leaves narrowly spatulate, 0.7–1.5 cm × 2–3 mm, base attenuate to a slender petiole; upper stem leaves sessile, narrowly obovate to linear-oblancoolate, smaller. Inflorescences 1–3 cm, densely short strigose, several flowered; bracts narrowly obovate to linear-oblancoolate, but smaller. Flowers short pedicellate. Calyx lobes ca. 2 mm, not enlarged in fruit. Corolla blue; tube ca. 1.5 mm; throat appendages lunate, fleshy; limb ca. 5 mm wide; lobes spreading, obovate to rotund, ca. 2 mm, margin entire. Anthers ca. 0.9 mm. Style ca. 1 mm; stigma capitate. Nutlets light yellow-white, oblique ovate, 1.5–2 mm, adaxially longitudinally keeled, abaxially rounded, apex obtuse. Seeds brown, dorsiventrally compressed, ovate. Fl. Apr-Jul.

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