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Two species: SE Asia, China, Oceania; one species in China.


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*Torenia polygonoides* Bentham, Scroph. Ind. 39. 1835.

Herbs, subglabrous. Branches slender. Petiole 0.5–0.8 mm; leaf blade ovate-elliptic to ovate-rhomboid, 1–2 cm, papery, glabrous, margin crenate-serrate on distal 2/3. Inflorescences 1–4-flowered; peduncle 0.5–1.5 cm; involucral bracts 2, acerose, ca. 1 mm. Pedicel 2–6 mm; bracteole subulate, 1–2 mm. Calyx oblong to suborbicular, to 9 mm in fruit, base short auriculate, wings to 4 mm wide, apex with 3 small sharp teeth. Corolla white or purple-blue, slightly longer than calyx; lower lip 3-lobed; upper lip entire; lobe apices obtuse. Capsule oblong-ovoid, ca. 8 mm. Fl. and fr. Jul–Aug.

Trailsides, shady and wet places of mountain valleys. Guangdong, Guangxi [Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines; Oceania].