

Cyanthillium patulum (Aiton) H.Rob.

Family:

Asteraceae

Robinson, H.E. (1990) *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* 103: 252

Common name:

Spreading Fleabane

Stem

Annual with stiff erect stems, 12-45 cm. tall, striate, more or less pubescent, slightly branched.

Leaves

Leaves mostly ovate-elliptic, cuneate at base, acute or obtuse, apiculate, subentire or obscurely toothed, villous dorsally, up to 6-12 x 2-5 cm wide, on petioles up to 2.5 cm long.

Flowers

Inflorescence paniculate-corymbose, 40-100-flowered; flowers pinkish violet. Pappus white, the exterior row short, about 0.5 mm. long. Bracts of involucre lanceolate, puberulent, 4-5-seriate, 6-7 mm long; corollas slightly exerted, violet or rarely paler to white, 4-5 mm long; anthers and style-branches violet;

Fruit

Achenes 1.25 mm. long, oblong, terete, slightly narrowed at the base, clothed with appressed white hairs.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in NT, rarely recorded. Altitudinal range near sea level. Found in coastal vine thickets on Melville Island.

Synonyms

***Conyza patula* Aiton.**, *Hortus Kewensis* 3: 184 (1789). ***Vernonia patula* (Aiton) Merr.**, *Philippine Journal of Science* 3(6): 439-440 (1908).

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