

Gray: corolla of perfect flowers rotate 5-lobed; fertilized unopening & greatly reduced flowers in lower axils; capsule prismatic, cylindric to awl shaped 3-locular, opening by 3 small lateral valves above the middle; axillary blue + purplish flowers earlier

European name Specularia Speculum-Veneris, mirror of V.

var Specularia perfoliata: leaves clasping, about as broad as long, expanded corollas usually borne at several upper nodes capsule pores sub-median

Taylor

Bell-looking-glass
(one word
2 hyphens)

Gray → Venus's Looking-glass

Taylor: Venus's-looking-glass also known as Campanula speculum; leaves alternate margins sometimes toothed to 1 1/2" L 1-3 flower clusters flwr deep blue Sometimes white, erect habit [i.e. "bell" upright]

Field Flowers illust.p9 Specularia

perfoliata (Belleflower f.)

has two kinds of flowers .. earliest borne on lower part of stems .. insignificant in appearance .. set seeds without recvg pollen from other flowers .. the later ones higher up .. showy .. visited by insects which carry pollen from one to the other & bring about cross-fertilization. Season: May-Sept. Flowers: solitary or 2 or 3 together .. 5 (rarely 4) reddish-violet petals annual 6 in to 2ft tall stems rather weak Leaves shell-shaped stem-clasping 1" or less D.

? cf. campanula rotundifolia "bluebell-of-Scotland" or bluebell or harebell, [bell = looking-glass L. Z.] Century: "many plants take their names from familiar animal without obvious reason" low herb with delicate drooping blue, bell-shaped flowers, linear-lanceolate stem-leaves, those near the root round-heart shaped or ovate, but early disappearing .. rarely seen with the flowers.

W.S. Shak. Cym. IV 2: The azur'd hare-bell 222 John 1799-

like thy veins Lindley 1865

(or striated) the spelling harebell

(to) Scilla nutans (i.e. the wild hyacinth or Hyacinthus non-scriptus

["Scotch" (Century Dict) "rarely so used in English

works" Cym's British, tho Lindley was also English, botanist & horticulturist taught at U. of London. Prof. (See Gray re- Wild Hyacinth affected by the old Latin name Scilla = squill of lily family for the wild Hyacinth Scilla Nonscripta = without writing because the petals are not veined like writing as in the Hyacinthus-Apollo story]

??? last "comment" mine

- has to be - LZ

only quotes Century

Onions (+x)

follow Lindley

he would!

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+V

Venus + Adonis away .. thru.. empty skies .. queen and not be seen (final stanza)

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