

⑬ list #11 b. July 22/75

Gray → Venus's Looking-glass

Gray: corolla of perfect flowers rotate 5-lobed; fertilized unopening & greatly reduced flowers in lower axils; capsule prismatic, cylindric & oval shaped 3-locules, opening by 3 small lateral valves above the middle; axillary blue & purplish flowers earlier European name Specularia Speculum-Veneris, mirror of V. was 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) only quotes Century Onions ??? follow Lindley he would! ! LZ

Taylor: Venus's-looking-glass Corolla to 3/4 across 15" H

also known as Campanula speculum; leaves alternate margins sometimes toothed to 1 1/2" ? 1-3 flower clusters flwr deep blue Sometimes white, erect habit [i.e. "bell" upright]

Field Flowers illust.p9 Specularia perfoliata (Belle-flower 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:[222]: The azur'd hare-bell like thy veins [] John Lindley 1799[-1865] (restricted) 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. Prob. (See Gray re - Wild Hyacinth affected by the old Latin name Scilla = squill of lily family for the wild Hyacinth Scilla Non-scripta = without writing because the petals are not veined like writing as in the Hyacinthus-Apollo story] ??? last "comment" mine - has to be - LZ