

**26. MICROCARYUM** I. M. Johnston, Contr. Gray Herb. 73: 63. 1924.

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Herbs annual, villous. Leaves alternate. Cymes terminal, nearly umbel-like. Flowers pedicellate. Calyx 5-parted to base; lobes narrow, not enlarged in fruit. Corolla blue or white, broadly tubular to campanulate; tube ca. as long as calyx or slightly shorter; throat appendaged. Stamens inserted on middle of corolla tube, included; filaments extremely short; anthers ovate; ovary 4-parted. Stigma subcapitate. Gynobase terete. Nutlets oblong-ovate, vertical, adaxially with grooved longitudinal keel; abaxially rounded, wrinkled, glabrous, center line longitudinally keeled; attachment scar at base adaxially. Seeds straight; cotyledon complanate.

About three species: China, NE India; one species in China.

**1. *Microcaryum pygmaeum*** (C. B. Clarke) I. M. Johnston, Contr. Gray Herb. 73: 64. 1924.

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*Eritrichium pygmaeum* C. B. Clarke in J. D. Hooker, Fl. Brit. India 4: 165. 1883; *E. riae* C. Winckler.

Plants 1.5–5 cm tall. Stems erect, branched from base or not. Leaves sessile, narrowly obovate to linear-oblong, 0.6–1.5 cm × 2–6 mm, sparsely villous, with hairs near leaf apices, hairs discoid at base, base attenuate, apex obtuse to acute. Cymes terminal. Pedicel unequal, 2.5–6 mm, pubescent. Calyx ca. 2 mm; lobes narrowly elliptic, densely white villous inside, sparsely pubescent outside, apex acute. Corolla blue or pink, glabrous; tube ca. as long as calyx; throat light yellow; appendages lunate, slightly thickened, papillate, apex emarginate; limb ca. 3 mm wide; lobes suborbicular, ca. 1 mm. Anthers ca. 0.3 mm, apex mucronulate. Style ca. 1 mm. Nutlets ovate, slightly incurved, ca. 1.1 mm, abaxially slightly keeled.

Alpine meadows; 3900–4700 m. W Sichuan [NE India].

