

MERTENSIA DRUMMONDII (LEHM.) G. DON¹

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In my "Monograph of the Genus *Mertensia* in North America" (Ann. Mo. Bot. Gard. **24**: 17-159. 1937) *Mertensia Drummondii* (Lehm.) G. Don was placed among the doubtful and excluded species, the type not being known. Since then Dr. A. E. Porsild, of the National Museum of Canada, has loaned me two specimens which seem undoubtedly to belong to *Mertensia Drummondii* and which help to clarify that species. In addition a specimen cited on page 113 of the monograph under *Mertensia viridis* A. Nels., belongs to *M. Drummondii*.

Mertensia Drummondii should be inserted on page 117 of the monograph, following the varieties of *M. viridis*. An account of the species is as follows:

19f. *Mertensia Drummondii* (Lehm.) G. Don, Gen. Hist. **4**: 319. 1838. Pl. 30.

Lithospermum Drummondii Lehm., Pug. **2**: 26. 1828.

Mertensia sibirica var. *Drummondii* Gray in Proc. Am. Acad. **10**: 53. 1875.

Stems erect or ascending, 7-15 cm. long, 1-few from each rootstalk; basal leaves elliptic (only one seen), acute, petiolate, blade 20 mm. long and 5 mm. broad, strigillose above, glabrous below, petiole about as long as the blade; cauline leaves sessile or nearly so, elliptic to broadly lanceolate, acute or obtuse, 1.5-3.5 cm. long, 5-10 mm. broad, strigillose above, glabrous below; inflorescence crowded, a modified scorpioid cyme; pedicels glabrous, 1-10 mm. long; calyx 4-8 mm. long, the lobes divided almost to the base, lanceolate, acute, ciliate; corolla-tube 4-7 mm. long, glabrous within; corolla-limb 4-7 mm. long, moderately expanded, about as long as or a little shorter than the tube; fornices inconspicuous, glabrous; anthers about 1.5-2 mm. long; filaments as long as the anthers; style usually exceeding the corolla-tube.

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