

BALLANTINIA E. Shaw, Contr. Gray Herb. 205: 160. 1974.
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Tribe: ?

Name derivation: for Miss Mary Ballantine (or Ballantyne) who in 1842 made the first collection now assigned to the genus.

Type species: *Ballantinia antipoda* (F. Mueller) E. Shaw (based on *Capsella antipoda* F. Mueller).

Herbs annual. **Trichomes** simple and stalked forked. **Multicellular glands** absent. **Stems** prostrate to decumbent, branched basally, leafy. **Basal leaves** petiolate, not rosulate, simple, entire, remotely dentate, or pinnatisect; cauline leaves petiolate, not auriculate at base, similar to basal but smaller. **Racemes** many flowered, ebracteate, corymbose, elongated considerably in fruit; rachis straight; fruiting pedicels divaricate-ascending, persistent. **Sepals** broadly elliptic to suborbicular, free, deciduous, ascending, equal, base of lateral pair not saccate. **Petals** white, ascending, longer than sepals; blade suborbicular, apex obtuse; claw strongly differentiated from blade, shorter than sepals, glabrous, unappendaged, entire. **Stamens** 6, included, weakly spreading, slightly tetradynamous; filaments wingless, unappendaged, glabrous, free; anthers ovate, not apiculate. **Nectar glands** 4, lateral, 1 on each side of lateral stamen, median glands absent. **Ovules** 4–12 per ovary; placentation parietal. **Fruit** dehiscent, capsular silicles, ellipsoid to broadly obovoid, slightly latiseptate, not inflated, unsegmented; valves papery, veinless, glabrous, not keeled, smooth, wingless, unappendaged; gynophore obsolete; replum rounded, visible, septum complete, membranous, veinless; style obsolete; stigma capitate, entire, unappendaged. **Seeds** uniseriate, ?biseriate, wingless, ellipsoid, flattened; seed coat smooth, mucilaginous when wetted; cotyledons incumbent.

One species: Australia.

Reference: Shaw (1974).

Ballantinia antipoda (F. Mueller) E. Shaw, Contr. Gray Herb. 205: 161. 1974; *Capsella antipoda* F. Mueller, Trans. Phil. Soc. Victoria 1: 34. 1854; *Cuphonotus antipodus* (F. Mueller) M. Black, Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Austral. 61: 244. 1937. TYPE: Australia, Victoria, in the Black Forest, F. Mueller *s.n.* (lectotype designated by Shaw (1974: 161), MEL; isolectotype, K).

Hutchinsia australis J. D. Hooker, Fl. Tasmaniae 1: 23. 1860; *Capsella australis* (J. D. Hooker) Benth, Flora Austral. 1: 81. 1863; *Cuphonotus australis* (J. D. Hooker) O. E. Schulz, Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 66: 92. 1933. TYPE: Australia, Tasmania, Macquarie Plains, 1842, M. Ballantine *s.n.* (holotype, K).

Herbs, annual, sparsely pubescent with simple or forked trichomes. **Stems** decumbent or prostrate. **Basal leaves** spatulate to oblong, to 2 cm, pinnatisect to remotely dentate or entire, attenuate to a slender petiole; cauline leaves progressively smaller upwards. **Racemes** elongated and becoming lax in fruit; fruiting pedicels divaricate-ascending, 5–10 mm. **Sepals** 0.8–1 mm, broadly elliptic to suborbicular, cucullate; petals white, 1.3–2 mm, with suborbicular blade and slender claw; stamens ca. 1 mm. **Fruits** ellipsoid to broadly obovoid, 3–5 mm. **Seeds** ca. 1 mm, orange, ellipsoid.

Habitat: dry stony places, plains.

Distribution: Australia (Tasmania, Victoria).