



Neotypification of *Brachyscome assamica* C.B. Clarke (Asteraceae)

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Brachyscome assamica C.B. Clarke (1876: 40) is a small shrubby herb, restricted to Assam State of northeast India and it is the only known species of the genus *Brachyscome* Cassini (1816: 199) occurring in India. It can be readily recognized by its 1–2-seriate elliptic involucre bracts with scarious margins, longer, whitish, violet-tinged ligules, beaked achenes, and the absence of a pappus. Clarke (1876) described the species based on material seen at the Calcutta Herbarium (CAL) collected from Dihing River Rocks, Namsang, in Upper Assam, India. Hooker (1881: 249) mentioned that he knew “nothing of this plant, which exists only in the Calcutta Herbarium, where Clarke described it”. Hajra (1995: 102), in revision of the family Asteraceae in “*Flora of India*”, indicated that no relevant material could be found at the CAL.

Since no original material of the species appears to be extant, the following specimen from the Assam Herbarium (ASSAM), Botanical Survey of India, Eastern Regional Centre, is proposed as a neotype. The specimen selected has mature leaves and well-developed flowers.

Brachyscome assamica C.B. Clarke (1876: 40)

Neotype (designated here):—INDIA. Assam: Cachar, Jiri Reserve Forest, Jiri River Bank, 12 Feb 1941, *R.N. De 20535* (ASSAM!; isoneotype ASSAM!).

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