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*Ipomoea acuminata*

[Synonyms : *Convolvulus acuminatus*, *Convolvulus roseus*, *Ipomoea cathartica*, *Ipomoea congesta*, *Ipomoea indica*, *Ipomoea indica* var. *acuminata*, *Ipomoea jamaicensis* var. *sericea*, *Ipomoea leari*, *Ipomoea learii*, *Ipomoea mutabilis*, *Ipomoea vahliana*, *Pharbitis cathartica*, *Pharbitis leari*]

**BLUE DAWN FLOWER** is an evergreen climbing perennial. Native to tropical America it has funnel-shaped, (rarely white) blue or purple flowers.

It is also known as *Campainhas* (Portuguese), *Ipoméé* (French), Many-coloured morning glory, Morning glory, Oceanblue morning glory, Perennial morning glory, Porter's joy, *Prunkwinde* (German), Purple winder, Railway creeper, *Tragtsnerle* (Danish), *Trichterwinde* (German), *Vinda* (Swedish), and *Volubilis* (French).

*Acuminata* is derived from Latin *acumen* (sharp point) meaning 'tapering to a long narrow pointed tip' with reference to the leaf shape.

The common name Blue dawn flower arose it is said because the young flowers open so early in the morning and are the deep blue colour of their native sky. Whereas in India where the flower was introduced the names Porter's joy and Railway creeper came into being it is claimed because of the climber's rapid march through the Country.

Blue dawn flower is now pantropical and is often cultivated as an ornamental plant.