

Ipomoea indica

[Synonyms : *Bonamia trichantha* var. *ovata*, *Convolvulus acuminatus*, *Convolvulus bogotensis*, *Convolvulus congestus*, *Convolvulus indicus*, *Convolvulus mollis*, *Convolvulus mutabilis*, *Convolvulus portoricensis*, *Convolvulus roseus*, *Ipomoea acuminata*, *Ipomoea bogotensis*, *Ipomoea cataractae*, *Ipomoea cathartica*, *Ipomoea congesta*, *Ipomoea dealbata*, *Ipomoea indica* var. *acuminata*, *Ipomoea insularis*, *Ipomoea jamaicensis* var. *sericea*, *Ipomoea kiuninsularis*, *Ipomoea leari*, *Ipomoea learii*, *Ipomoea mitchellae*, *Ipomoea mollis*, *Ipomoea mutabilis*, *Ipomoea portoricensis*, *Ipomoea vahliana*, *Parasitipomoea formosana*, *Pharbitis acuminata*, *Pharbitis acuminata* var. *congesta*, *Pharbitis bogotensis*, *Pharbitis cathartica*, *Pharbitis dealbata*, *Pharbitis heterosepala*, *Pharbitis indica*, *Pharbitis insularis*, *Pharbitis leari*, *Pharbitis learii*, *Pharbitis medians*, *Pharbitis mollis*, *Pharbitis rosea*]

BLUE DAWN FLOWER is an evergreen climbing perennial. Origins are uncertain but it is widespread in tropical regions; it has funnel-shaped, (rarely white) blue or purple flowers. It is also known as *Argonpragtsnerle* (Danish), *Bian se qian niu* (Chinese), *Campainhas* (Portuguese), Common morning glory, Dunny creeper, *Gryningsvinda* (Swedish), *Indische Prunkwinde* (German), *Ipomé*e (French), Lear's morning glory, Many-coloured morning glory, Morning glory, *No-asagao* (Japanese), Oceanblue morning glory, Perennial morning glory, Porter's joy, *Prunkwinde* (German), Purple flower bellvine, Purple morning glory, *Purperwinde* (Afrikaans), Purple winder, Railway creeper, Tall morning glory, *Tragtsnerle* (Danish), *Trichterwinde* (German), *Vinda* (Swedish), and *Volubilis* (French).

Warning – some authorities have suggested that this species could be harmful to human beings and to animals.

It can be invasive and has been categorised in many regions as a noxious weed.

Indica means 'of or from India or the East Indies, or the Far East'.

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 a tropical sky. According to some, the names Porter's joy and Railway creeper came into being because of the climber's widespread in India.

Blue dawn flower is cultivated as an ornamental plant in places where restrictions on its growth are not in force. Despite its often invasive nature, some records indicate that it has it even been grown on sand dunes so that its roots can bind the sand to reduce movement.