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*Thunbergia grandiflora*

[Synonyms : *Flemingia grandiflora*, *Hexacentris grandiflora*]

**BENGAL CLOCK VINE** is an evergreen twining vine. Native to northern India it has yellow throated bluish-mauve (occasionally white) flowers.

It is also known as *Akar patut tuau* (Malay), Bengal trumpet, Blue skyflower, Blue thunbergia, Blue trumpet vine, Clock vine, *Fausto* (Spanish), *Himmelsblume* (German), Large-flowered thunbergia, Sky flower, Sky vine, Thunbergia, and *Thunbergie* (German).

*Grandiflora* is made up of Latin *grandis* (large) and *-flora* (flowered) components.

The vine has been introduced to Australia and in northern Queensland at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century it is being viewed with much concern. Apparently it is spreading like wildfire through tropical lowland rainforest and smothering native vegetation.

Medicinally, in Malaysia the leaves have been used to treat stomach upsets.