

*Evolvulus alsinoides* (L.)



**Habit:** Herb

**Description:** Herbs; stems herbaceous or suffrutescent, reclining or ascending, pubescent with spreading trichomes. Leaves oblong, elliptic-oblong or lanceolate, 1-2.5 cm long, mostly less than 1 cm wide, subsessile, acute to obtuse basally and apically, pubescent. Flowers on peduncles mostly equaling the leaves; sepals lanceolate, acute or acuminate, 2-3 mm long, pubescent; corollas mostly pale blue, sometimes white, 3-7 mm broad; ovary glabrous. Fruits capsular, globose, glabrous; seeds black, smooth.

**Taxonomy**

<b>Kingdom</b>	Plantae
<b>Division</b>	Tracheophyta
<b>Class</b>	Magnoliopsida
<b>Order</b>	Solanales
<b>Family</b>	Convolvulaceae
<b>Genus</b>	Evolvulus
<b>Species</b>	<i>Evolvulus alsinoides</i> (L.)

**Uses:** The whole plant is used in form of decoction in nervous debility and loss of memory. The plant is also useful as blood purifier and in bleeding piles. The fresh flowers with sugar are eaten as a brain tonic. The leaves are made into cigarettes and smoked in chronic bronchitis and asthma.

**Reference:** Indian Biodiversity Portal, NCBI