SOME NOTES ON THE DELIMITATION OF GENERA IN THE CAMPANULACEAE. II

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DISCUSSION

In this chapter some problems of classification of "borderline" species and of segregates from some genera are discussed. The position of *Triodanis* versus *Specularia* and the delimitation of the genera *Phyteuma* and *Campanula* is also taken into consideration.

I. SEGREGATES FROM CAMPANULA

a. the position of the species with the diploid chromosome number 2n = 28.

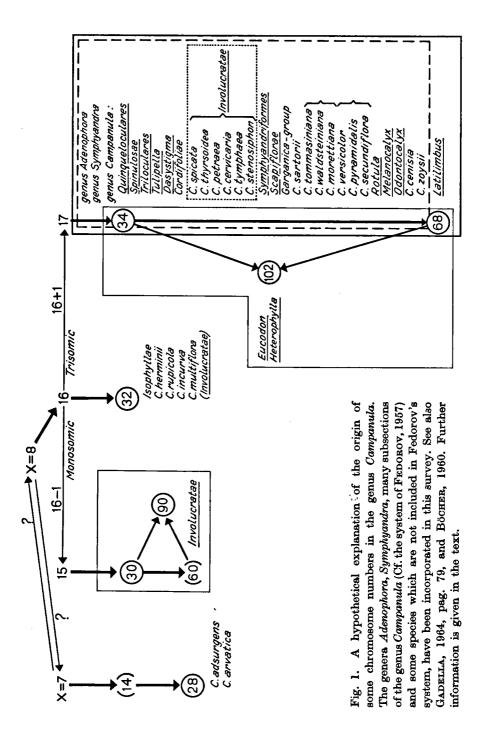
Campanula erinus L. and Campanula drabifolia Sibth. are closely related and differ from other annual species of Campanula by their glabrous filaments, which are gradually broadened towards the base, their dichotomously branched stems, and their sepals, which enlarge after the flowers wither and then become unequal (at least in C. erinus), thus simulating a zygomorphous condition. Dichotomous branching also occurs in the appendiculate species Campanula dichotoma L. (not as distinctly as in C. erinus), but its filaments are of the same shape as in most other species of the genus Campanula. Most Campanula species are characterized by the diploid chromosome number 2n=34 (or by a polyploid level derived from the base number X = 17). The number 2n = 28 occurs in the species mentioned before and in Campanula colorata Wall. in Roxb. (GADELLA, 1964; PODLECH and DAMBOLDT, 1964), Campanula cashmeriana Royle (GADELLA, 1964), Campanula adsurgens Ler. et Lev. (Podlech and DAMBOLDT, 1964), and Campanula arvatica Lag. (Podlech and Damboldt, l.c.). These species have the following distribution: C. erinus and C. drabifolia: the Mediterranean region; C. arvatica and C. adsurgens: Spain; C. cashmeriana and C. colorata: the Himalayan region. In spite of their identical chromosome numbers these species are certainly not related to each other and seem to have developed from different stocks. All species lack calvx-appendages. The Spanish species have apically dehiscent fruits, the dehiscence in the other species is basal. Only C. erinus and C. drabifolia are dichotomously branched. C. adsurgens is placed in the Garganica-group by H. Cl. Crook (1951).

DAMBOLDT (1965, a) made an extensive study of the Garganica group and excluded C. adsurgens on the basis of the chromosome number and the mode of dehiscence of the capsule (in the Garganica-group the dehiscence is basal). The systematic position of the two Spanish species is doubtful, but they show a certain resemblance to the species of group 7 of my provisional system of classification of the genus Campanula (GADELLA, 1964, p. 79). In this group are placed all species with the chromosome number 2n = 34, having, with a very few exceptions, basally dehiscent fruits. The Spanish species lack the characters and habit of the other 6 groups of this tentative system. Therefore it seems justified to place them in group 7. To this group also belong species with the numbers 2n = 32 (Isophyllae) and 2n = 30 (species of the subsection Involucratae of Federov's system). The species of the Involucratae are certainly closely related to the species of the subsection Eucodon (2n = 34 in most species), as it proved to be possible to produce hybrids between C. glomerata L. and C. trachelium L., which are characterized by the chromosome numbers 2n = 30 and 2n = 34, respectively. The hybrid has 32 chromosomes.

In my previous paper (GADELLA, 1964) I suggested that the number 2n=32 might have originated from the number 2n=34 by reduction. On the other hand, if not only the numbers 2n=30, 2n=32 and 2n=34 are somehow related to each other but also to the number 2n=28, as suggested by a certain morphological resemblance, another hypothetical explanation of the origin and interrelationship of these chromosome numbers is possible. If X=8 would be the primary base number of the genus, the number X=7 could have been derived from this number by reduction (the number 2n=28 arose by polyploidization). The number 2n=32 may have its origin in the doubling of the number 2n=16. The species C persicifolia L. (2n=16), C latiloba A.DC. (2n=16), and C stevenii Bieb. (2n=32) do not show a relationship to the species of group 7 and for that reason they have been placed in an entirely different group (group I, GADELLA, 1964).

I agree with BÖCHER (1964) that it is very difficult to imagine that 17 is a primary base number in the genus. On the other hand, it does not seem likely that the species of group I and II (X=8 and X=10, respectively) have developed from the same stock as the species of group 7.

In figure I an attempt is made to arrange the chromosome numbers of the species of group 7 according to their hypothetical origin. (The figure partly corresponds with that of Böcher, 1960.) The subsections of Federov's system have been incorporated in this figure. Some data are derived from the studies of Podlech (1965), Damboldt (1965, a and b), Podlech and Damboldt (1964), Contandriopoulos (1964). Especially in the subsection *Involucratae* the possibility exists that the numbers 2n = 32 and 2n = 30 are the result of reduction of the number 2n = 34. The same holds true for the group *Isophyllae* versus *Garganicae*. Further investiga-



tions are needed in order to arrive at more definite conclusions with regard to the question which of the two hypotheses is more likely.

The species of the Himalaya group (2n=28) are not dichotomously branched and have normal filaments, ciliate at the base and not abruptly dilated. Fedorov placed some morphologically related species in his series Canescentes of the subsection Oreocodon. They form a more or less natural group, occupying a distinct part of the area of the genus. I could not find any floral characteristics which might have lent support to generic separation of the subsection Oreocodon from Campanula. Yet the general appearance of these species, their habit to produce frequently cleistogamous flowers (by which characteristic they all differ from other species of the genus) and their number of chromosomes may justify the elevation of the subsection to at least subgeneric rank.

In my opinion the species with the number 2n = 28 may be grouped as follows: Campanula erinus and Campanula drabifolia should be transferred to the genus Roucela Dumortier as Roucela erinus (L.) Dumort. and Roucela drabifolia (Sibth.) Dumort., respectively; Campanula adsurgens and Campanula arvatica should be maintained in the genus Campanula. Campanula colorata and Campanula cashmeriana are to be placed in the subsection Oreocodon, but this subsection should be raised to much higher rank. This will be done in the framework of a new classification of the genus Campanula.

b. Campanula vidalii Wats.

For reasons stated by FEER (1890) and supported by cytological evidence (MESQUITA RODRIGUEZ, 1954; GADELLA, 1964) this species has to be placed in the (monotypic) genus *Azorina* Feer as *Azorina vidalii* (Wats.) Feer.

c. Campanula zoysii Wulf.

Podlech and Damboldt (1964) determined the chromosome number of this species: 2n = 34. Despite the morphological peculiarities of this species they are of the opinion that it should remain in the genus *Campanula* where it may be placed in a special section. In the present author's opinion Feer (1890) goes too far in transferring this species to *Favratia*. Podlech and Damboldt's opinion is supported by cytological evidence.

d. Campanula macrostyla Boiss. et Heldr.

FEER (1890) transferred this species to Sicyocodon. MARCHAL (1920) determined its chromosome number: 2n = 20. However, it does not show any relationship to the species of group 2 (X = 10). On the other hand, C. macrostyla, which belongs according to Boissier to the section Medium sensu Boissier, subsection Triloculares, Appendiculatae, Annuae, is rather distinct from other species of the genus Campanula. In the present author's opinion it seems worthwhile to reinvestigate the number of chromosomes

of this remarkable species before making further taxonomic decisions. Moreover, the group of appendiculate annual *Campanula* species, of which 11 species occur in the region covered by the Flora Orientalis should be investigated more in detail in order to arrive at further conclusions with regard to their place in the genus. In my opinion it seems preferable to maintain the species for the present in the genus *Campanula*.

e. Campanula americana L.

In my previous paper (GADELLA, 1964) I suggested that Campanula americana should be removed, both on cytological and morphological evidence, from the genus and placed in the monotypic genus Campanulastrum Small.

f. Campanula fastigiata Duf. ex DC.

A. DE CANDOLLE (1830) remarked that this species is intermediate between *Specularia* and *Campanula*; in his opinion it might be included with equal justification in the one genus or in the other.

Fedorov (1957) placed it in his monotypic genus Brachycodon (tribe Campanuleae). The genus Legousia, on the other hand, was placed by Fedorov in his tribe Phyteumateae, where he put the genera Asyneuma and Phyteuma. Unfortunately C. fastigiata could not be investigated by the present author. As A. de Candolle attached great value to the mode of dehiscence of the capsule (which is apical in this species), he placed C. fastigiata in another section than C. erinus, which shows a certain resemblance to C. fastigiata (dichotomously branched stems, glabrous, not widened filaments, annual life cycle). If the species is to be removed from the genus Campanula, which is highly probable, the relation between it and Roucela erinus and Roucela drabifolia should also be investigated.

g. Campanula petraea L.

This species was placed by BUSER (1894) in his new genus Tracheliopsis, section Codonosphaera. He paid special attention to the differences between the inflorescences of C. glomerata L. and C. petraea L. Despite the morphological peculiarities of C. petraea both ENGLER (1897) and BORNMÜLLER (1921) are of the opinion that it should remain in Campanula. The present author agrees with Engler and Bornmüller and places Campanula petraea in the subsection Involucratae of Fedorov's system. Further cytological and morphological studies are necessary in order to arrive at more definite conclusions regarding the generic status of Tracheliopsis and Diosphaera.

h. the genera Popoviocodonia, Sergia, Astrocodon and Cryptocodon

The removal of some species of *Campanula* to the above mentioned genera will not be discussed here for lack of cytological data, which are badly needed for clearing up their taxonomical position.

II. HETEROCODON RARIFLORUM Nutt.

The systematic position of the genus *Heterocodon* as well as that of some endemic North-American species of *Campanula* should be studied in detail before it becomes possible to ascertain their place in the subtribe *Campanulinae*.

III. THE POSITION OF SPECULARIA

DURANDE (1782) described the genus Legousia, an obscure genus name according to de Candolle. DE CANDOLLE (1830) described 7 species in his genus Specularia, a name that should be reduced to synonymy. The differences between some species of Campanula and of Legousia are small. According to McVaugh (1945, a) the traditional features of the type species, the rotate corolla and the much elongated capsule disappear entirely or partly in the other species. He correctly remarked that some species of the genus Campanula (he mentioned Campanula ramosissima Sibth. et Sm.) are also provided with a rotate corolla, whereas the American species of Specularia have rather short capsules. McVaugh divided the genus Specularia into the following homogeneous biological units: a. Specularia hybrida A. DC. and Specularia speculum A. DC. (European species); b. Specularia pentagonia (L.) A. DC., to be removed to Campanula (where it was originally placed by Linnaeus); c. Specularia talcata A. DC. (a European species) and the American species were removed by him to the genus Triodanis Rafinesque. FERNALD (1946) did not agree with him in this respect and objected to the status of Triodanis as a separate genus. McVaugh (1948) reopened the discussion because he regarded Triodanis as a good genus, equally well founded as most other genera of the Campanulaceae. The present cytological investigations support his opinion. The species Legousia speculum-veneris, L. hybrida, and L. pentagonia have the chromosome number 2n=20, Legousia falcata 2n=26, Triodanis biflora and Triodanis perfoliata 2n = 56.

In Campanula there are also species with the number 2n=20 in the subsection Campanulastrum, series Rapunculiformes of the system of Fedorov. Especially some annual species of this group, like Campanula ramosissima (2n=20), with a rotate corolla, are closely related to Legousia pentagonia. Many species of the series Rapunculiformes show much resemblance to the European species of the genus Legousia, with the exception of Legousia falcata. The European species of Specularia have glabrous filaments (figure 2), which are gradually broadened towards the base. Legousia pentagonia, on the other hand has ciliate filaments widened towards the base. Therefore the transfer of Legousia pentagonia to Campanula seems justified, both on cytological and morphological evidence; on the other hand, the species of the X=10-group of Campanula hold a rather isolated position in this genus. Their morphological characters as well as the shape of their chromosomes show only some relation to the

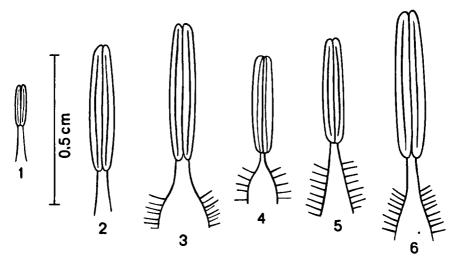


Fig. 2. Stamens of 6 species of the subtribe Campanulinae:

1. Legousia hybrida (L.) Delarb. - 2. Legousia speculum-veneris (L.) Fisch. - 3. Campanula pentagonia L. (= Specularia pentagonia (L.) A. DC.) - 4. Triodanis perfoliata (L.) Nieuwl. - 5. Triodanis falcata (Ten.) McVaugh - 6. Campanula patula L.

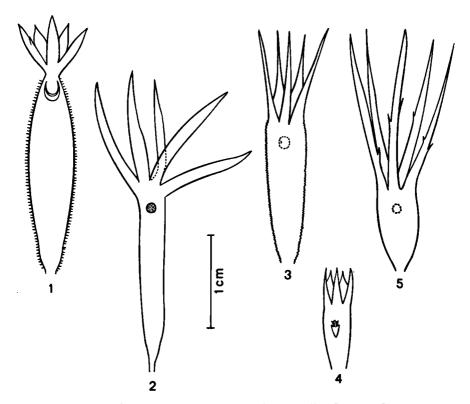


Fig. 3. Capsules of 5 species of the subtribe Campanulinae:
1. Legousia hybrida (L.) Delarb. - 2. Campanula pentagonia L. - 3. Triodanis falcata (Ten.) McVaugh - 4. Triodanis perfoliata (L.) Nieuwl. - 5. Campanula patula L.

species of the X=8-series. These two series may be closely related ($Campa-nula\ loeflingii$ Brot. holds an intermediate position in this respect, its diploid chromosome number being 2n=18). At any rate, it seems very unlikely that the species of the X=17-group are derived from the same stock as those with long chromosomes of the X=8 and X-10-group of Campanula. The two remaining species of Legousia, $L.\ hybrida$ and $L.\ speculum-veneris$, have some characters in common with some species of the X=10-group of Campanula, viz. the apically dehiscent erect fruit, chasmogamous flowers, annual life-span, but also some differences should be noted: the filaments of Legousia are not ciliate at the base and are gradually widened towards the base, and the corolla is usually rather deeply divided. The fruits of Legousia are more or less constricted at the apex (figure 3). For these reasons it seems justified to place $L.\ speculum-veneris$ and $L.\ hybrida$ in a separate genus.

On the position of the American species of the genus Specularia some light has been shed by cytological studies. Triodanis is a well-defined genus. Only the position of Specularia falcata needs some further consideration. Its chromosome number (2n=26) deviates from the other species of Triodanis as well as of Specularia. Morphologically it fits the genus Triodanis. The occurrence of cleistogamous flowers, the spiciform inflorescence and the not abruptly contracted capsule are characters which Specularia falcata shares with Triodanis. In the American species the base chromosome number is X=14. The base number in S. falcata is X=13. The relation between these base numbers has yet to be clarified. For the moment it is justified to maintain L. falcata in Triodanis.

IV. SEGREGATES FROM PHYTEUMA

Of the five sections of *Phyteuma* distinguished by Schönland only one (section *Hedranthum*) remained in the genus *Phyteuma*, the other 4 were raised to generic rank (see page 503):

- 1. Synotoma: 1 species: 2n = 34 (FAVARGER and HUYNH, in LÖVE and SOLBRIG, 1965).
- 2. Petromarula: 1 species: 2n = 30 (Podlech and Damboldt, 1964).
- 3. Asyneuma: 2n = 24, 30, 56.
- 4. Cylindrocarpa: no cytological data available.

The species *Phyteuma comosum* L. (= Synotoma comosum (L.) Schulz) was placed by de Candolle in his first section of the genus, comprising only one species. Morphologically it does not fit in *Phyteuma*. The inflorescence of Synotoma is an umbel, the filaments are linear, the lobes of the corolla are connivent at the base and at the top at anthesis, whereas in *Phyteuma* (section *Hedranthum*) the inflorescences are capitate or spicate, the filaments are widened towards the base, the lobes of the

corolla are connivent when the flower opens but later become free, and the lobes are distinctly connate at the base. In my opinion, this remarkable species was correctly placed by Schulz in a separate genus; morphological and cytological data support his opinion. The segregation of *Petromarula* seems also to be supported by cytological evidence.

The genus Asyneuma, with many species, has sofar been investigated very insufficiently, both from the morphological and from the cytological point of view. McVaugh (1945, b) transferred the Californian species Campanula prenanthoides Dur. to Asyneuma. It shows indeed a great resemblance to this genus, but cytological studies (Gadella, 1964) revealed the number 2n=34, a number which fits quite well in Campanula. The number, however, was based on the study of roottip-mitoses of a single plant. In 1965 some new counts were made that yielded the diploid number 2n=32 without any doubt in 4 different plants, which, however, all originated from the same locality. It should very probably also be placed in Asyneuma, but cytological information is too scanty to be used as an argument.

Asyneuma seems a well-founded genus, but it is apparently not closely related to *Phyteuma* with which it was formerly united. Actually it shows some affinity to *Campanula*, but only little cytological evidence is available. Within the subfamily *Campanuloideae* it should perhaps better be placed in Fedorov's *Campanuleae* instead of in the *Phyteumateae*.

V. THE GENERA SYMPHYANDRA AND ADENOPHORA

At present Campanula contains groups of species which are only remotely related to each other, and some of its species or species-groups are undoubtedly closely related to the genera Adenophora and Symphyandra. Nannfeldt (1929) regarded Adenophora as closely connected with the group of Campanula rotundifolia (subsection Heterophylla). In my opinion, however, many species of Adenophora are related to some species of the subsection Eucodon (DC.) Fed. of Campanula. Symphyandra armena (Stev.) DC. differs from some species of the section Symphyandriformes of Campanula only in its connivent anthers. Symphyandra hofmannii has much in common with some appendiculate biennial species of the section Medium sensu Boissier.

Since Symphyandra (X=17) and Adenophora (X=17) are probably derived from the same stock as many groups of species (X=17) of Campanula, it is not clear why species like C. persicifolia L. (2n=16), C. loeflingii Brot. (2n=18), C. patula L. (2n=20), C. peregrina L. (2n=26), C. dichotoma L. (2n=24) and C. lactiflora Bieb. (2n=36) still should be included in Campanula, whereas Symphyandra and Adenophora have been segregated as genera. It seems desirable in the present author's opinion to reunite the genera Symphyandra and Campanula.

Adenophora is characterized by the presence of a disc, long styles in

many species and by a mainly Asiatic distribution. Therefore the treatment as separate genera seems justified. But the distinction between them is weak. In figure I a survey of the chromosome numbers of group 7 of my provisional system is given. In this system the genera Symphyandra and Adenophora have also been included. They are probably derived from the same stock as the species of group 7 of Campanula; it does not seem plausible that the number 2n=34 would have originated independently in the genera Campanula, Adenophora, and Symphyandra.

VI. THE GENERA PLATYCODON, CODONOPSIS, AND WAHLENBERGIA

These genera are placed by Fedorov (1957) in the tribe Wahlen-Bergieae. At present only few cytological data are available. The following base numbers occur in these genera: Codonopsis (X=8); Wahlenbergia (X=9); Platycodon (X=9). It seems premature to attach much value to the scarce data available at this time.

Wahlenbergia marginata (Thunb.) A. DC. belongs to the section Aikinia and is characterized by a 3-locular capsule and 5 stamens. Wahlenbergia lobelioides A. DC., which belongs to the section Lobelioides, has a 2-locular capsule and 3 stamens. It is remarkable that the species with the lowest chromosome number, W. lobelioides: 2n = 18, has a more reduced flower than the species with the highest number: W. marginata, 2n = 72.

The section Edraianthus was removed from Wahlenbergia by A. de Candolle. Contandriopoulos (1964) counted the number 2n=32 in 2 species of Edraianthus. These data support the segregation of Edraianthus from Wahlenbergia.

SUMMARY

- 1. The chromosome numbers of 38 species belonging to 11 genera of the tribe *Campanuleae* of Schönland's system were determined. 13 of these species had not yet been investigated before.
- 2. A discussion is given of the differences between the present author's results and those of other authors.
- 3. The systematic position of the species of Campanula with the diploid chromosome number 2n=28 is reviewed. Some arguments are presented in favour of transferring Campanula erinus L. and Campanula drabifolia Sibth. to Dumortier's genus Roucela.
- 4. A hypothetical explanation of the origin of the chromosome numbers 2n=28, 30, 32 and 34 of the genus *Campanula* is given.
- 5. The inclusion of Specularia perfoliata A. DC. and Specularia biflora Fisch. et Mey. in Triodanis is supported by cytological evidence.
- 6. Campanula vidalii Wats. and Campanula americana L. should be placed in the genera Azorina and Campanulastrum, respectively, both on morphological and cytological grounds.

- 7. The segregation of the genera Asyneuma, Synotoma, and Petromarula from Phyteuma is supported by cytological evidence.
- 8. The relation between the genera Campanula, Symphyandra, and Adenophora is discussed.

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