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A New Species of Darwinia by C. A. Gardner.

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Darwinia polycephala, n. sp.

Parvus diffususque frutex, ramis numerosis, diffusis, ramis foliorum lapsorum signa ferentibus. Foliis parvis in lateralibus ramis, congestis, imbricatis, oblongo-clavatis, subteretibus aliquantulum carnosis, supra leviter planis, obtusis sessilibus, apici valde minute ciliatis.

Floribus sessilibus quinque aut septem simul efformantibus exiguis capitibus terminalibus. Bracteis ovato oblongis, obtusis, exigue ciliolatis inter flores copiosis non tamen involucrum definitum efficientibus, luteo-pallidis, membranaceis, modice longioribus foliis quibus externe in lineamentis adsimilantur, tenuioribus tamen atque latioribus. Tubo-calycis turbinato-cylindrico, quinque costis efformato, costis conspicuis; lobulis deltaico-orbicularibus, obtusis, ciliatis. Petalis purpureis, ovatis, obtusis, concavis, parum longioribus tubo calycis elatis. Staminibus staminodiisque equalis longitudinis, parvis, staminodiis insuper linearibusclavatis. Stylo duplo circiter longiore petalis, basi incrassato, ceterum tenui; stigma capitato, piloso-glandulari, stylo sub stigmate potius longis pilis barbato.

Frutic ca. 20cm. altus. Folia 2-2.3mm. long., .8mm. lata. Bracteis ca. 3mm. long. Flores circa 4.5 mm. long., calycis tubus 2mm. long., lobi ca. .8mm. long., petala 2.5mm. long.

HABITAT prope GRASSPATCH, in arenosis in densitate arbuscularum, inter arbuscula et sub umbra illarum, flor. mense Majo. Numerus typi est 2213 in Herbarium apud "Forests Department."

Haec nova species videtur esse vicinius speciei D. pauciflora, Benth., ab hac principaliter discrepans in sessilibus floribus, etiam in longioribus calycis lobis, necnon angustiori calyci, integris petalis, stylo longiori, &c.

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