

## BLAINVILLEA, Cass.

Blainvillea, Cass. is a small genus of tropical weeds, found all round the world, chiefly in the somewhat drier parts. One species—*B. latifolia*, DC.—is very common in Upper India, extending thence to Ceylon, but absent from the wet plains of Lower Bengal, appearing however in the hills of Assam, northern Burma and south-western China. It has been reported from Java; but the report needs confirmation.

In the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Straits Branch, No. 30, two Malay vernacular names—"katumbit padang" and "tutup bumi padang"—are ascribed to it, and a third, "salamani" is ascribed to *B. rhomboidea*, Cass. which is but a synonym. Wilkinson has entered two of them into his Malay Dictionary, correcting the first to "Ketumbit padang." But when the source of the name is sought, it is learned that all three were obtained in Malacca by Cantley's collector, Alvins, and belong to specimens, not of *Blainvillea latifolia*, but of *Synedrella nodiflora*, Gaertn. Nor can evidence be found that the genus *Blainvillea* has yet had any representative in the Malay Peninsula.

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