

21) Hepática transsilvánica M. FUSS wrong, but generally accepted spelling also: H.transsylvánica
Place and date of valid description or naming of the species: Hepática transsilvánica FUSS, Verhandlungen und Mitteilungen des siebenbürgischen Vereins für Naturwissenschaften, I. Jahrgang, 1850,
pp. 83-84 (Michael FUSS, 1814-1883; theologian and botanist, parish priest in Giereisau in Transylvania).
Topotýpus: Kronstadt/Hungary, Walz & Lanczy (Dörfler, Herb. Norm. 4702), Apr. & July 1900-1905.
Synonyms: Anemóne transsylvánica (M. FUSS) JANOS HEUFFEL
Anemóne angulósa auct. non LAM.,
Hepática angulósa auct. non (LAM.) DC.
Hepática multilóba F. SCHUR nom.nud. in: Verhandlungen und Mitteilungen des siebenbürgischen Verein für
Naturwissenschaften, I. Jahrgang, 1850, p. 16 (Philipp Johann Ferdinand SCHUR, 1799-1878; Austrian. Botanist, author of 'Enumeratio Plantarum Transilvaniae')
Hepática nóbilis f. multilóba (CARL HARTMAN) JANCH.;also (or to H. nóbilis ?):
Hepática tríloba f. subquinquefólia ZAPAŁOWICZ ? (Hugo ZAPAŁOWICZ, 1852-1971; auditor, erfor-
of the flora of Galicia)
W. perennial, herbaceous perennial, to 15(-20) cm h., shoot axis is slightly oblique; forms, if site conditions are
site conditions are suitable, after several years it forms short, slightly horizontal creeping shoots
(formation of divídues or 'ramets' by stolons, in contrast to the formation of new
Hepática nóbilis), so that smaller groups can develop (see remarks on the natural cloning of Hepática nóbilis).
on natural cloning in Hepática nóbilis).
Wz. short rootstock, sprouting stolons (see above).
Bla. all basal leaves in basal rosette, petiolate, 3- to 5-lobed, hairy, deeply convex (to
to middle and even deeper), 5-8 cm Ø, margins serrate-toothed, texture rather coarse; pedicels 8-20 cm lg, little depressed-fuzzy.
Mon. (01-)02-03(-04); first flower about 2 weeks earlier than H. nóbilis.
Flower. Perigón; , radial, basal, uniflorous; 3 cup-like bracts (involucral leaves), be-
hairy, ovate to ovate-lanceolate, above with 2-3 small teeth; immediately above 8-9 uni
ited bracts (tepals), these elongated-oval, obtuse, blue, also white and pink;
Flower 25-45 mm Ø, pedunculate, pedicel long.
Gr. yellowish
N. white to yellowish
Stbf. bluish; with white to bluish or reddish connective.
Stb. white to bluish; pollen five-pored, yellowish
Frkn. yellow to greenish
Verbr.
. Occurrence: Quote from first description M. FUSS: 'Habitat in Transsilvaniae subalpinis, solo rupestri,
calcareo; around Brasov on the "Chapel Hill"; in the area of Előpatak; frequent; March-April '
Romania: Mountain forests in central Romania (Transylvania; Carpathians, from Borzek to Deva, Burzenland
around Kronstadt).
Rosental near Jena (spread here from the Botanical Garden Jena around 1900) *)
Chromosomes ¹⁾: 2n = 28 (tetraploid species; number of chromosomes in cells; Mabuchi et al. 1987)
. Remarks: hépar (Greek)= liver or hepatikos (Greek) and hepatikus (Latin) = liver-like - s. Be-
remarks on Hepática nóbilis;
transsilvánica or also transsylvánica (lat.) = originating from Transsilvánia (Romania);
German name: Siebenbürgener Leberblümchen, Transsylvanisches Leberblümchen, Ungarisches Le-
liverwort;
Romanian: crucea voinicului; Hungarian: erdélyi májvirág (erdélyi = Transylvanian); English: Large Blue Hepáti-
ca, Liverleaf; French: Hépatique de Transylvanie; Russian: печёночница угловатая (угловатый = angular,
similar to 'H. angulósa'), печёночница трансильванская.
. Culture, use: substrate moist-humic, slightly calcareous; location cool, shady. Somewhat drought-
more insensitive to drought and reportedly more floriferous and persistent in cultivation than Hepática nóbilis var.
nóbilis..
Propagation by sowing immediately after seed maturity and by cuttings from the creeping shoots after flowering or in the
shoots after flowering or in autumn; the forms only by cuttings.

Some cultivars of Hepática transsilvánica:
Designation Flower Remarks _
'Álba' white
'Nívea' white
'Pure White' pure white, flower stalk an albino - leaves large and light green
light green
'Rósea' pink
'Lilacína' lilac blue
'Ada Scott' dark blue with creamy white from boughthen; exhibited in 1977 by Valerie Finniss stamens
'Blumenstadt Erfurt' sky blue, large-flowered; very cultivar of Andreas Händel, Neu Falkenrehde early, often already before
Christmas
and rich flowering variety
'Eisvogel' bright white inside, light bluish outside
'Elison Spence' semi-double, large-flowered, medium- from Ireland; exhibited 1973 by Molly Sanderson
violet-blue as 'Flore Plena'

'Carpathian Crown' sky-blue, roundish, to somewhat reminiscent of Hepática x média 'Ballardii'; selected to 18 petals by Marlene S. Ahlborg, Rötgesbüttel
'Konny Greenfield' blue, semi-double; similar from England
'Elison Spence', but somewhat darker
'Loddon Blue' medium blue from England
'Swan Lake' pale pink, stamens red cultivated by Andreas Händel, Neu Falkenrehde
'Struwwelpeter' blue w.o.; very beautiful curled foliage
'Supernova' large, dark purple star- w.o.; darkest flowers of the cultivars so far flowers, stamens snow white
'Weinreichs Blaue' blue good growth habit
'Weinreichs Weisse' white best, richest flowering white variety
'Winterfreude' light blue, large very early flowering
'Beutnagesl Weiße' white
'Buis Strain' blue early flowering, often already in January

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