

- SISYRINCHIUM ANGUSTIFOLIUM Miller, Dict., ed. 6 (1771).  
*Sisyrrinchium anceps* Civanilles, Dissert. vi, p. 345, t. 190, fig. 2 (1788).  
*Sisyrrinchium gramineum* Curtis, Bot. Mag., t. 464 (1799).  
*Sisyrrinchium mucronatum* Michaux, Fl. Bor-Am. ii, p. 33 (1803).  
*Sisyrrinchium bermudiana* Linn., Sp. Pl., ed. i, p. 954 excl.  $\beta$ . *bermudense*.  
*Sisyrrinchium bermudiana*, A. Gray, Man. Bot. Northern U. S., ed. 5, p. 517;  
Chapman, Fl. Southern U. S., p. 474; Baker in Journ. Linn. Soc.  
Lond., xvi, p. 117, excel. var. 1.  
*Sisyrrinchium cæruleum parvum gladiato caule Virginianum*: Plukenet,  
Almagestum, p. 348, et Phytogr., t. 61, fig. 1.  
*Bermudiana graminea, flore minore cæruleo*: Dillenius, Hort. Elth., p. 49,  
t. 41, fig. 49.

Common in the Eastern States of North America from Massachusetts to Florida, and naturalized in the Mauritius, New Zealand, and Australia. It also occurs in Ireland, where it is reported to be spreading; and as it so readily colonizes, it has been considered as an introduced plant, though, on the other hand, the North American *Eriocaulon septangulare* is generally admitted to be indigenous in Ireland. Since the above has been in type, Dr. Asa Gray has directed my attention to the fact that Mr. Sereno Watson pointed out, as long ago as 1877 (Proc. Am. Acad. Sc. xii, p. 277), that the Bermudian *Sisyrrinchium* is a distinct species; but as he neither elaborated the synonymy of the species nor explained that the Linnean *S. bermudiana* was a composite one, he has only so far anticipated me that he recognized the Bermudian plant as different from the North American.— *W. B. Hemsley*, in American Naturalist for June, 1884.

#### IX. PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The first ordinary meeting of the Natural History Society of Montreal for the session 1883-84 was held on the evening of Monday, 29th October; the president, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, in the chair. After routine business, Mr. G. L. Marler exhibited specimens of the osprey, wood-duck and blue-bird, presented to the museum by Mr. W. L. Marler, St. Johns, Que. The thanks of the society were given Mr. Marler for his donation.

Messrs. W. H. Rintoul, and W. P. J. Bond were elected ordinary members, and Messrs. J. H. R. Molson, J. O. Robert, J. Jack and Prof. D. P. Penhallow were proposed for membership.