

tab. 14; letterpress description by Dr. Lawson. Published by Reeves, London.

THALICTRUM CORNUTII. Tall Meadow Rue. False Maiden-Hair. Dr. Cornuti's *Thalietrum*. *Thalietrum Canadense*, Cornutii Canadensium Plantarum Historia, caput LXX., p. 186, (Paris, 1635). The letterpress description may pass for our plant, but the engraving is that of a different species. The spelling *Thalietrum* runs all through the *Historia* of Cornutius, and is carefully reproduced by Tournefort (*Inst. Rei Herb.*). Wet meadows and margins of streams and permanent brooks. On elevated banks of streams, where the roots cannot reach the water or moist soil, the plant becomes very much dwarfed, but loses none of its distinctive characters. Not uncommon in many parts of Nova Scotia; abundant along the Sackville River and ditches of the Rifle Range, Bedford, and neighborhood, County of Halifax.

Digby Gut, County of Digby (7 feet high); Windsor Falls and Windsor (8 feet), and Windsor, Hants County, Dr. How. Truro, marshes, common, Dr. G. C. Campbell. Strait of Canso, Guysborough County, Rev. E. H. Ball. Ellershouse, Hants County, Mr. Beckman. Pictou, A. H. McKay. A form (5 or 6 feet high) with all the parts of the flower of a deep purple colour, but differing in no other respect, occurs in a wet pasture by the roadside on the Old Windsor Road, thirteen miles from the city of Halifax.

T. Cornutii is a very distinct species, and the only one of the genus actually known to exist in Nova Scotia; but, in the descriptions and figures in books, as well as in specimens in Herbaria in different countries, it has been very much mixed with other species. The name *Cornutii*, hitherto misspelt by all botanists, *Cornuti*, has thus become complex and enigmatical. To remedy this, Mr. Watson, in the sixth edition of Gray's Manual, has adopted the name *polygamum*, which, however, is open to the same objection. Lecoyer adopts DeCandolle's name, *corynellum*. Freyn, of Prague, the latest writer on Ranunculaceæ, favours retaining *Cornutii* for our plant. The Abbe Provancher prefers the old pre-Linnæan name.

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