

A native of the interior parts of Bengal, from the district of Dinagepore Dr. Carey sent the plant to the Botanic garden at Calcutta, where it flowers in March and April.

*Root* perennial. *Stem* none, the top of the root, under the surface of the soil divides into several shoots, each of which produces a single small tuft of leaves from its apex. *Leaves* radical, sessile, linear-lanceolate, entire, very smooth, of a deep green on both sides; from four to six inches long, and less than half an inch broad. *Scapes* short, in general about an inch long, smooth, bearing from one to six alternate, yellow, pedicelled flowers. *Calyx* from six to eight-leaved, with a *calycle* of three or four ovate scales.

2. *P. procumbens. Roxb.*

Procumbent. *Leaves* mostly radical, linear, runcinate. *Racemes* terminal, flowers in rather remote fascicles. *Calyces* many-flowered.

A native of Bengal. It flowers during the hot season.

*Root* simple or somewhat branched, when broken discharging an orange-coloured sap, of a heavy, soporific smell; from their size, it may be supposed they are biennial or more. *Stem* none, but many, procumbent, dichotomous, smooth branches springing immediately from the root, from one to two feet long. *Leaves* chiefly radical, spreading flat on the earth, linear-runcinate, segments short, and rather obtuse; margins a little scabrous, with minute, spinous points, those of the branches less divided and even entire. *Racemes* ascending, terminal, as long as the rest of the plant below them. *Flowers* in rather remote fascicles, yellow. *Pedicels* nearly as long as the flowers, scaly, with small bractes. *Calyx* subcylindric, scales linear, with white membranaceous margins, and quickly decreasing into a calycle. *Florets* from twenty to thirty. *Pappus* simple, and sessile.

3. *P. asplenifolia. Willd. iii. 1540.*

Ascending, ramous, many-flowered. *Leaves* sessile, linear, pinnatifid, or runcinate, smooth.