

## REDISCOVERY OF *POTENTILLA SUPINA* L. (ROSACEAE) IN BANGLADESH

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*Potentilla supina* L. (Rosaceae) has been rediscovered after 118 years after the publication from D. Prain's. This specie was collected from Norigashi; Bagatipara Upazila of Natore district under Rajshahi division, Bangladesh. Detailed description and photographs were presented.

Rosaceae family consisting of 95 to 125 genera and 2825 to 3500 species which is found in worldwide, but especially diverse in the Northern Hemisphere and Subtropics, with the majority cultivated as ornamentals and edible fruits (Te-tsun *et al.*, 1974, 1985, 1986). The genus *Potentilla* consists of over 300 species, mostly herbaceous and woody perennials, and grows as a weed (Guillén *et al.* 2005). In Bangladesh, the family Rosaceae is represented by 13 genera and 26 species, and the genus *Potentilla* has two species, *P. indica* and *P. supina* (Pasha and Uddin, 2013). *Potentilla supina* was one of them and reported by David Prain (1903) from Tirhut, North Bengal (North Bengal consisting with present Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions of Bangladesh and Jalpaiguri and Malda division of India). Since the time of David Prain's collection, no other collectors have collected this species from present Bangladesh territory (Ahmed *et al.*, 2009; Islam *et al.*, 2009; Rahman *et al.*, 2010; Tutul *et al.*, 2010; Uddin and Hassan, 2010; Arefin *et al.*, 2011; Rahman *et al.*, 2012; Rahman, 2013; Rahman and Alam, 2013; Rahman *et al.*, 2013; Sarker *et al.*, 2013; Uddin *et al.*, 2013; Kona and Rahman, 2015; Rahman *et al.*, 2015; Uddin *et al.*, 2015; Nahar and Rahman, 2016; Uddin and Abiabdullah, 2016; Mahmudah *et al.*, 2017; Rahaman *et al.*, 2017; Haque *et al.*, 2018; Rahman *et al.*, 2018; Rahman and Uddin, 2018; Uddin and Hassan, 2018; Rahman *et al.*, 2019a, b; Sarker and Rahman, 2019; Khanam *et al.*, 2020; Hossain *et al.*, 2021; Khan *et al.*, 2021; Hossain *et al.*, 2022; Islam *et al.*, 2022; Khatun *et al.*, 2022; Rahman *et al.*, 2022 and Sultana *et al.*, 2022. After a lapse of 118 years, 1<sup>st</sup> author recently collected one specimen from Bagatipara Upazila under Natore district while exploring the flora of the Bagatipara Upazila and after a critical study identified it as *Potentilla supina* L (Te-tsun *et al.* 1974, 1985, 1986). Detailed description and images of the species have been given below.

*Potentilla supina* L., Sp.Pl.1: 497 (1753); Hook, Fl. Brit. Ind. 2:359 (1879); Prain, Beng. Pl. 1: 465(1903); Ahmed *et al.* (ed.), Encycl. Fl. Fauna Bangladesh 10:31, (2009). *Tridophyllum supinum* (L.) Greene, Leaf. Bot. Observ. Crit. 1(14): 189. (1906); *Comarum flavum* Buch.-Ham. ex Roxb. Hort. Bengal.:39 (1814). *Argentia supina* (L.) Lam., Fl. Franç. 3: 119 (1779); *Chamaephyton supinum* (L.) Fourr., Ann. Soc. Linn. Lyon 16: 371 (1868), not validly publ; *Comarum supinum* (L.) Alef., Bot. Zeitung (Berlin) 24: 262 (1866); *Fragaria supina* (L.) Crantz, Stirp. Austr. Fasc. 2:10(1763).

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*English name:* Spreading cinquefoil, bushy cinquefoil

*Bangle name:* Shaktitila

*Description:* An annual herb, prostrate or sub-erect. Roots slender with sparse lateral rootlets. Stems spreading, ascending, or erect, dichotomously branched, 10–25 cm tall, together with petioles pilose. Radical leaves 4–7 cm including petiole; stipules brown, membranous, abaxially pilose; Leaf blade 3-foliolate or pinnately compound with 3–5 leaflets; leaflets alternate or opposite, sessile, or terminal leaflet shortly petiolulate or subsessile, both surfaces green, oblong or obovate-oblong, both surfaces pilose base cuneate or broadly so, margin obtusely serrate, incised serrate, or 2- or 3-parted, apex obtuse or acute; cauline leaves resembling radical ones but pairs of leaflets fewer higher up stem; Inflorescence terminal, corymbose-cymose, with axillary flowers on lower part of flowering stem. Flowers 6–8 mm in diam.; pedicel 0.8–1.5 cm, densely



Fig. 1. Photograph of *Potentilla supina* L. A. Natural view B. Flower, C. Dry material.

pubescent. Sepals triangular-ovate, apex acute; epicalyx segments oblong-elliptic or elliptic-lanceolate, nearly equaling or slightly longer than sepals, apex acute. Petals yellow, obovate, shorter than sepals, apex emarginate. Fruits achenes, cylindrical, rugose, apex acute. Flowering and fruiting: March to October.

*Ecology:* The plant is generally found in damp open grass lands or harvested paddy field prefer partial shed.

*Distribution:* Afghanistan, Albania, Austria, Baltic States, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Former Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Russia, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, New South Wales, North European Russia, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Tadjikistan, Thailand, Tibet, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Former Yugoslavia

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