

Selliera radicans with Regular Corolla

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E. F. A. Garner brought to my notice a number of abnormal flowers of *Selliera radicans* growing on a damp flat beside a swampy backwater of Hokino estuary (7.2.79). His photograph of these shows that instead of having a deeply split corolla the abnormal flowers had five lobes of uniform size joined around the basal tube, thus forming regular star-shaped flowers.

These were generally the younger flowers where there were two on a stem, the first flower in such cases having a normally split corolla. Occasionally a star-shaped flower was single on a stem. In one case a single split flower was growing from one node, with a stem of two flowers from the next node having one star-shaped flower and one split one.

In an area of about three metres square, up to twenty star-shaped flowers were present among about twice that number of split flowers. In other respects all flowers appeared normal.

(Photograph shows one normal split flower on right, with two star-shaped flowers.)

