Namophila HYACINTHACEAE

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Namophila U. & D. Müller-Doblies (Feddes Repert. 108(1–2): 77–79, ill., 1997). **Type:** *Namophila urotepala* U. & D. Müller-Doblies. — **Hyacinthoideae** — **Massonieae** — **Lit:** Martínez-Azorín & al. (2015: classification). **Distr:** S Namibia. **Etym:** Gr. ‘nama’, spring, stream; and Gr. ‘philos’, friend; for the occurrence in a valley with a seasonal stream.

Bulbous geophytes to 5 cm tall, bulbs usually solitary, globose, 1.5–2.3 cm Ø; **L** 2, ovate, 11–16 × 8–11.7 cm, (sub-) succulent, prostrately spreading; **Inf** 1, corymbose-capitate, between the leaves, 2- to 3-flowered (to 19-flowered in cultivation), raceme 1–4 cm; **Bra** linear, inconspicuous, lowest 17–36 × (1.3–) 2.5–3.5 mm; **Ped** 7–18 mm; **Fl** stellate, green, to 33 mm Ø; **Tep** 19–23 mm, basally united and forming a 4–6 mm long tube, lobes (12–) 15–17 × 3.5–4.5 mm, narrowly triangular, with a distinctly caudate tip 1–4.7 mm long; **St** basally fused to the tepal tube; free part of **Fil** 6–8 mm, white; **Anth** 2–2.5 mm, green with yellow pollen; **Ov** obclavate, green, 3.5–5 × 3–3.7 mm; **Sty** 8–10 mm, green; **Sti** punctiform; **Fr** enveloped by the fleshy perianth, 10 mm; **Se** globose, 2 × 1.2–1.8 mm, black, glossy.

The monotypic genus *Namophila* is closely related to *Massonia* according to the molecular study by Manning & al. (2004). See *Massonia* for further comments on the classification of the group.

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Description as for the genus.

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