

O R D E R II.

With the Scales of the Cup eye-lashed, or edged all round with Hairs.

G E N U S I.

B L U E - B O T T L E.

C Y A N U S.

Character of the Genus.

The Scales of the Cup are egg-shaped, and edged with short firm Hairs.

1. WELTED BLUE-BOTTLE.

Plate 26. *a a b.*

Plate 26. Fig. 1.

Character of the Species.

GREAT BLUE-BOTTLE.
Centaurea Montana.

The Leaves are lanced and smooth, and they run down the Stalk.

THIS is a Perennial, native of Switzerland, and of the mountainous parts of many other kingdoms; it grows to a Foot and a half high, and flowers in August. The Leaves are of a strong shining green; the Stalk also is green; the Hairs of the Cup are perfectly black; and the Flowers are of a very beautiful blue. Fig. 1. *a.*

2. HOARY BLUE-BOTTLE.

Plate 26. Fig. 2.

Character of the Species.

Centaurea Montana.

The Leaves are oval and hoary, and run a little down the Stalk.

Fig. 2. *a b.*

THIS is a Perennial, native of the Pyrenees, and flowers in August. The Plant grows to two Foot high; the Leaves are covered with a downy matter; the Flowers are of a very delicate blue.

3. GRASSY BLUE-BOTTLE.

Plate 26. Fig. 3.

Character of the Species.

CORN BLUE-BOTTLE.
Centaurea Cyanus.

The Leaves are grassy, and have high Ribs.

Fig. 3. *a.*

THIS is an Annual, native of our Corn-fields, and flowers in August. The Stalk is tough, rib'd, and two Foot and a half high; the Leaves are of a dead faint green: The Flowers are blue. In the South of France the Flowers are larger than in our fields; and have usually the outer range of Florets of a different colour from those within: In our Gardens, it grows to the same state and with great variety.

THERE is scarce any vegetable substance in which the Colour is so fixed and permanent as in our Corn Blue-Bottle. It may probably afford a good dye.

