

## 2. RIVINA Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 121. 1753.

数珠珊瑚属 shu zhu shan hu shu

Herbs or subshrubs. Stems erect, dichotomous, angulate, glabrous or pubescent. Leaves long petiolate; leaf blade ovate, base rounded or attenuate, apex acuminate. Racemes terminal or axillary, erect or curved, slender. Flowers bisexual, small. Tepals 4, persistent. Stamens 4. Ovary superior, ovoid, 1-carpelled, 1-loculed. Style shorter than ovary, slightly curved; stigma capitate. Berry red or orange.

One species: tropical and subtropical America; introduced in tropical regions elsewhere.

### 1. *Rivina humilis* Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 121. 1753.

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Plants 30–100 cm tall. Branches spreading, pubescent when young. Leaves rather remote; petiole 1–3.5 cm, pubescent; leaf blade ovate or ovate-lanceolate, 4–12 × 1.5–4 cm, abaxially pubescent along midvein, adaxially glabrous, base attenuate, margin slightly serrulate, apex long acuminate. Racemes 4–10 cm (including peduncle), pubescent. Pedicel slen-

der, with a bract and a pair of bracteoles. Tepals white or pink, elliptic or obovate-oblong, 2–2.5 mm, in fruit 3–3.5 mm, green, reflexed. Stamens shorter than and alternate with tepals. Berry globose or pyriform, 3–4 mm. Seeds ca. 2 mm.  $2n = 126$ .

Cultivated, possibly escaped as a weed around houses or rubbish heaps. Fujian (Fuzhou), Guangdong (Guangzhou), Zhejiang (Hangzhou) [probably native to tropical America; now widespread in tropics and subtropics].

This species is cultivated as an ornamental.

