

**17. ADELOSTEMMA** J. D. Hooker, Fl. Brit. India 4: 20. 1883.

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Lianas. Leaves opposite, petiolate. Cymes extra-axillary, racemelike, pedunculate. Flowers small. Calyx glands 5. Corolla campanulate; lobes short, overlapping to right. Corona with up to 5 minute, membranous, triangular lobes; lobes inserted opposite anthers at base of stalked gynostegium, sometimes absent. Anther appendages oblong; pollinia 2 per pollinarium, ovoid, waxy, pendulous, translator arms threadlike, corpusculum ovoid. Stigma head club-shaped, apex exserted. Follicles usually solitary, pericarp papillose. Seeds flat, margin membranous, with white silky coma.

One species: China, Myanmar.

**1. *Adelostemma gracillimum*** (Wallich ex Wight) J. D. Hooker, Fl. Brit. India 4: 21. 1883.

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*Cynanchum gracillimum* Wallich ex Wight, Contr. Bot. India 57. 1834.

Lianas to 4 m. Petiole 1.5–4 cm; leaf blade ovate or oblong-ovate, 3.5–6 × 2.5–4.5 cm, membranous, glabrous, base cordate, apex acuminate; lateral veins faint, 5–7 pairs. Cymes shorter than leaves; pubescent except for corolla. Corolla white, glabrous, ca. 4 mm; tube (2–)3 mm; lobes oblong, 1(–2) mm, spreading. Follicles elliptic-oblong or oblong-lanceolate, ca. 4.5 × 1.5 cm. Seeds suborbicular; coma ca. 2 cm. Fl. autumn.

Thickets, forests along valleys; 500–1000 m. Guangxi, Guizhou, Yunnan [Myanmar].

