

17. BLINKWORTHIA Choisy, Mém. Soc. Phys. Genève 6: 430. t. 4. 1833.

苞叶藤属 bao ye teng shu

Shrubs or slender climbers. Stems villous or strigose. Leaves petiolate, linear or elliptic, sericeous or strigose. Flowers solitary, axillary, nodding; bracts 2–4, leaflike. Sepals 5, ovate-oblong to circular, \pm equal, leathery, slightly enlarged in fruit. Corolla campanulate, waxy; limb erect, subentire or shallowly 5-dentate. Stamens included; anthers oblong; pollen globose, pantoporate, finely spiny. Disc ringlike. Pistil included; ovary conical, \pm 2-loculed, glabrous. Style 1, filiform; stigma capitate, 2-lobed. Fruit a berry, enclosed by persistent calyx, glabrous. Seeds 1–4, glabrous.

Two species: China, Myanmar, N Thailand; one species in China.

1. *Blinkworthia convolvuloides* Prain, J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal 63(2): 91. 1894.

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Blinkworthia discostigma Handel-Mazzetti.

Climbers or trailers, woody. Stems to 12 m long. Branches flexuous, slender, strigose or villous. Petiole 3–4 mm; leaf blade elliptic to oblong, 3–5 \times 1–1.8 cm, leathery, abaxially strigose, adaxially glabrous, base rounded, apex obtuse and mucronulate. Pedicel curved, 8–10 mm, glabrous; bracteoles at middle, 3 or 4, spatulate, 5–6 mm, strigose abaxially. Sepals ovate to circular, 6–7 mm, sparsely strigose, base subcordate, margin translucent, apex obtuse. Corolla white, pale green, or yellow, 1.7–2 cm, with 5 distinct, \pm fleshy, midpetaline bands. Stamens adnate to corolla tube for 1/2 their length; filaments filiform, base slightly dilated and verruculose; anthers longitudinally dehiscent. Pistil shorter than stamens. Berry ovoid, 8–10 mm in diam. Seeds 1–4, ovoid, glabrous.

Thickets, savanna forests; 400–600(–2500) m. S Guangxi, S Yunnan [Myanmar].

The roots and leaves are used locally for treating stomachaches.

