
须花藤属 xu hua teng shu

Lianas. Cymes extra-axillary, paniculate; branches racemelike or spicate, brown or rusty hairy, many flowered. Calyx with or without basal glands. Corolla rotate, lobed ca. halfway down to nearly to base; lobes ± valvate. Corona lobes 5, inserted at base of gynostegium, sometimes with ligulate adaxial appendages, longer than stamens, shorter than stigma head. Anther appendages minute; pollinia 4 per pollinarium, erect, retinaculum minute, translator arms absent. Stigma head usually club-shaped, fusiform, or long subulate. Follicles cylindric or narrowly ovoid. Seeds oblong.

Fifteen species: tropical and subtropical Asia, with a center of diversity in Malaysia; one species in China.


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Lianas to 10 m, glabrous except for inflorescences. Stems lenticellate. Petiole 1–3(–4) cm; leaf blade broadly elliptic, 6–10(–13) × 3–6(–8) cm, base rounded, apex acute; lateral veins 8–10 pairs, widely patent. Cymes paniculate, dichotomous, shorter than leaves, rusty pubescent. Sepals ovate, 1.1–1.6 × 0.8–1.2 mm, rusty puberulent outside. Corolla yellowish orange with a violet center; tube 0.5–1 mm; lobes oblong, 1.8–2.3 × 1–1.5 mm, glabrous outside, villous inside. Corona lobes triangular-oblong, with a distinct slender adaxial tooth near apex. Pollinia subglobose, erect. Stigma head capitate to peltate. Follicles lanceolate, 9–12 cm × 5–10 mm, cylindric. Seeds oblong, brown, ca. 1.5 cm; coma to 5 cm. Fl. Jan-May, fr. Aug-Dec.

Mixed woods, 500–1000 m. S Yunnan [Myanmar, Thailand].