23. **GRAPHISTEMMA** Champion ex Bentham in Bentham & J. D. Hooker, Gen. Pl. 2: 760. 1876.

天星藤属  tian xing teng shu


One species: China, Vietnam.


天星藤  tian xing teng


Lianas to 8 m, glabrous. Stipules present, leafy, rounded to ovate, 1–3.5 × 0.8–1.5 cm, amplexicaul; petiole 1–4.5 cm, flat, with a group of adaxial glands; leaf blade oblong-lanceolate, 6–20 × 2.5–7 cm, base rounded, sometimes minutely cordate, apex acuminate or acute; lateral veins ca. 10 pairs, pale. Inflorescences 3–12-flowered; peduncle 0.5–5 cm. Pedicel 0.5–1.5 cm. Corolla green outside, purplish with yellow margin inside; lobes oblong, 8–10 × 3–4 mm, minutely ciliate. Follicles 9–11 × 3–4 cm. Seeds brownish, ovate, ca. 1.3 cm; coma to 4 cm. Fl. Apr-Sep, fr. Jul-Dec.

Open woods, bushland; 100–700 m. Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan [Vietnam].

Decoction of all parts is used for the treatment of traumatic injury and sore throat.