

21. HOLOSTEMMA R. Brown, Mem. Wern. Nat. Hist. Soc. 1: 42. 1810 (preprint).

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Lianas large, herbaceous or woody. Inflorescences extra-axillary, umbel-like or short racemelike, occasionally branched, shorter than leaves, usually few flowered. Flowers large. Calyx without glands. Corolla subtrotate; lobes overlapping to right. Corona shallowly cupular, inserted at base of gynostegium, fleshy, apex entire or shallowly undulate. Filaments connate; anthers very large, decurrent to base of column, apex acuminate; pollinia 2 per pollinarium, slender, falcate, pendulous. Stigma head scarcely umbonate. Follicles stout, cylindrical-fusiform, slightly tapering to a blunt apex.

Two species: China, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand; one species in China.

1. *Holostemma ada-kodien* Schultes in Roemer & Schultes, Syst. Veg. 6: 95. 1820.

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Asclepias annularis Roxburgh; *Holostemma annulare* (Roxburgh) K. Schumann, *H. rheedianum* Sprengel.

Stems to 8 m, much branched, puberulent to glabrous. Petiole 2–6 cm; leaf blade ovate-cordate, 5–12 × 2–8 cm, glabrous except for puberulent abaxial veins. Peduncle 2.5–5 cm. Pedicel longer than peduncle. Sepals ovate, 3 mm. Corolla white to yellowish white, purplish crimson inside, 2–3.5 cm in diam., divided ca. 2/3 way to base; lobes ovate-oblong, 0.8–1.6 cm. Corona ca. 3 mm. Follicles 8–14 × 1–4 cm, glabrous. Seeds ovate, ca. 5 mm, margin membranous; coma 2–3 cm. Fl. Apr-Sep, fr. Aug-Dec.

Bushland. Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Yunnan [India, Kashmir, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand].

Decoction of all parts is used to induce lactation.

