

## 2. LANTANA Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 2: 626. 1753.

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Shrubs, climbing, aromatic, pubescent or glabrous. Branches 4-angled, sometimes prickly. Leaves petiolate; leaf blade simple, crenate, often rugose. Inflorescences dense capitula, pedunculate; bracts exceeding calyx. Calyx small, membranous, truncate or sinuate dentate. Corolla nearly actinomorphic or slightly 2-lipped, tube slender; lobes 4 or 5, spreading. Stamens 4, didynamous, included. Ovary 2-locular. Style shorter than corolla tube; stigma obliquely subcapitate. Drupes with 2 1-seeded pyrenes.

About 150 species: tropical and subtropical America, one species naturalized in China.

Additional species grown as ornamentals.

### 1. *Lantana camara* Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 2: 627. 1753.

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Shrubs with long weak branches, armed with stout recurved prickles, pubescent. Petiole 1–2 cm, pubescent; leaf blade ovate to oblong, 3–8.5 × 1.5–5 cm, papery, wrinkled, very rough, with short stiff hairs, aromatic when crushed, base rounded to subcordate, margin crenate; lateral veins 5 pairs, very prominent, elevated. Capitula terminal, 1.5–2.5 cm across. Flowers yellow or orange, often turning deep red soon after opening. Ovary glabrous. Drupes deep purple, globose, ca. 4 mm in diam.  $2n = 44$ .

Open waste places and near coast; 100–1500 m. Naturalized in Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Taiwan [tropical and subtropical America, often naturalized in other tropical and subtropical regions].

Medicinal, ornamental.

A very wide range of flower colors has been developed within cultivars.

