

17. SYMPHOREMA Roxburgh, Pl. Coromandel 2: 46. 1805.

六苞藤属 liu bao teng shu

Shrubs, usually climbing. Hairs stellate. Leaves opposite, simple, margin entire or serrate. Inflorescences pedunculate, capitate cymes, subtended by a whorl of 6 prominent involucre bracts. Calyx 5- or 6-dentate. Corolla white, small, tube cylindric, lobes 6–16(–18). Stamens 6–16(–18). Ovary 2- or imperfectly 4-locular; ovules 2 per locule, pendulous, only 1 fertile. Capsules indehiscent, included within an enlarged calyx. Cotyledons fleshy, usually with abundant oil.

About three species: India, Myanmar, Philippines, and Thailand; one species in China.

1. *Symphorema involucreatum* Roxburgh, Pl. Coromandel 2: 46. 1805.

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Shrubs, climbing. Branchlets terete, hairy when young. Leaf blade subelliptic to ovate, puberulent when young, abaxially densely stellate tomentose, adaxially glabrescent, base rounded to slightly cordate, margin subentire to dentate. Peduncle long, pubescent. Involucre bracts oblong, enlarged in fruit. Calyx 4–5 mm, outside tomentose, inside glabrous. Corolla white, 6–8 mm; lobes 6–8, narrowly oblong, 2–3 mm. Fruit subglobose, 4–6 mm in diam.

Forests; 500–800 m. S Yunnan [India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand].

