

3. TRISTELLATEIA Du Petit-Thouars, Gen. Nov. Madagasc. 14. 1806.

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Woody lianas. Leaves opposite or whorled, stipulate; stipules connate with petiole; leaf blade entire, glandular. Racemes axillary or terminal; pedicels bracteate. Flowers 5-merous, bright yellow, bisexual, actinomorphic. Sepals with or without glands. Petals clawed. Stamens 10, unequal; filaments connate at base, articulate distally. Ovary 3-lobed, globose, often with abaxial appendages; style 1; stigma minute. Samaras 3, each 3-10-winged; wings conic, of unequal lengths, together thus star-shaped.

About 20 species: mainly in Madagascar, also in E Africa, India, and Malaysia to Australia and Pacific islands; one species in China.

1. *Tristellateia australasiae* A. Richard in Dumont d'Urville, Voy. Astrolabe 2: 159. 1834.

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Woody lianas, ca. 10 m tall, mostly glabrous. Leaf stipules 2, linear to lanceolate, ca. 1 mm, apex acute; petiole 1-1.5 cm; leaf blade ovate, 6-12 × 4-7 cm, papery or leathery, both surfaces glabrous, base cordate to rounded, with 2 glands adnate to petiole, margin slightly reflexed, apex acute to acuminate.

Racemes terminal or axillary; pedicels 1.5-3 cm; bract 1, articulate distally; bracteoles 2. Flowers 2-2.5 cm in diam. Sepals 5, triangular, ca. 3 × 1.5 mm, eglandular or with very minute glands. Petals 5, yellow, sagittate-ovate, 8-13 × 5-6 mm, clawed, glabrous, entire; claw 2-3 mm. Stamens 3-4 mm. Schizocarp stellate, 1-2 cm in diam. Fl. Aug, fr. Oct.

Forests near seashores. Taiwan (Hengchun peninsula, Lan Yu) [Malaysia, Thailand, S Vietnam; tropical Australia, Pacific islands].

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