

**41. EPIGYNUM** Wight, Icon. Pl. Ind. Orient. 4(2): 4. 1848.

思茅藤属 *si mao teng shu*

Lianas woody, latex white. Leaves opposite. Cymes terminal, corymbose or paniculate. Calyx deeply divided, basal glands inside present or absent. Corolla salverform; tube cylindric, ca. 5 × as long as sepals, inflated at base; throat villous, not scaly; lobes overlapping to right. Stamens inserted below middle of corolla tube; filaments short; anthers sagittate, included, adherent at middle to pistil head, cells with an empty tail; disc deeply 5-lobed, longer than ovary. Carpels 2, distinct. Ovaries half-inferior or nearly inferior; ovules numerous in each carpel. Style filiform; pistil head long conical. Follicles 2, terete, free. Seeds oblong or narrowly so, flat, comose.

About 14 species: SE Asia, one species in China.

**1. *Epigynum auritum*** (C. K. Schneider) Tsiang & P. T. Li, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 11: 397. 1973.

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*Trachelospermum auritum* C. K. Schneider in Sargent, Pl. Wilson. 3: 341. 1916; *Epigynum lachnocarpum* Pichon.

Liana to 8 m. Branchlets slightly reddish brown, densely minutely hirsute-villous when young. Petiole 5–10 mm; leaf blade broadly elliptic or slightly obovate, 8–15 × 4.5–11.5 cm, base acuminate-cordate, villous on both surfaces; lateral veins ca. 10. Cymes as long as or longer than leaves, densely tawny pubescent; peduncle up to 8 cm. Pedicel ca. 1 cm. Corolla white, tube 1.5–1.7 cm; lobes obliquely obovate or narrowly spatulate, 1.2–1.3 cm. Disc 5-lobed. Ovaries pubescent at apex. Follicles 2, oblong, to 16 × 1–1.5 cm, densely tawny, apex distinctly recurved. Seeds oblong, to 2 cm, coma to 3.5 cm. Fl. Apr–Jul, fr. Aug–Dec.

Dense montane forests, clinging to trees. S Yunnan [Malaysia, Thailand].

