
Herbs annual. Stem erect or ascending. Leaves alternate, petiolate, linear to obovate, margin entire. Heads terminal or axillary, composed of 3–7-flowered cymes, stalked or subsessile. Flowers bisexual; each flower with 1 bract and 2 bracteoles, scarious. Stamens 5; filaments basally connate into a short cup, pseudostaminodes absent; anthers 2-loculed. Ovary ovoid; ovule 1, erect; style filiform; stigma slightly 2-lobed. Utricles ovate, dehiscent by lid. Seeds black, subglobose, lenticular, with aril.

One species: tropical Asia.

1. **Allmania nodiflora** (Linnaeus) R. Brown ex Wight, J. Bot. (Hooker) 1: 226. 1834.

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Herbs annual, erect or ascending, 10–50 cm tall. Stem branched from or near base, glabrous or obscurely pubescent. Petiole 2–10 mm; leaf blade obovate, oblong, or linear, 1.5–6.5 mm × 0.3–2.5 cm, both surfaces glabrous or adaxially pubescent, base attenuate, apex acute or obtuse, with a mucro. Heads globose, becoming somewhat lengthened, with 3–7-flowered cymes; rachis 0.2–3.5 cm, glabrous or pubescent. Bracts and bracteoles ovate-lanceolate, 3–5 mm, white on margin and with green or purple (?red) midvein, apex long acuminate. Tepals obliquely spreading at anthesis, later erect, ovate-lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, 4–5 mm. Stamens 5; filaments connate at base. Ovary ovoid, glabrous; style nearly as long as filaments. Utricles enclosed in persistent perianth, pale green, ovoid, 3–3.5 mm in diam., dehiscent by lid. Seeds 1.5–2 mm in diam. Fl. May–Jun, fr. Jul–Aug. 2n = 32.

Sandy soils, sandy shores; below 200 m. Guangxi, Hainan [tropical Asia].