

A REVIEW ON HAPLANTHODES VERTICILLATA

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ABSTRACT

One of the 24 families of flowering plants in the mint group (Lamiales) is Acanthaceae. The tall annual plant known as “spiny bottle brush” only reaches a height of almost half a meter. Leaves are oppositely oriented, oval, thin, and 5–10 cm long. The tips of the leaves are tipped with two spinous teeth and covered in long, spreading hairs. In the leaf axils, stalkless flowers are clustered close to the tip of the stem. Although the flowers appear to have five petals, they actually only have two, which are lobed in two and three ways. The flowers are dark blue in hue with a pale green throat. Usually found on steep slopes in the Western Ghats. November–January is flowering time.

KEYWORDS: Acanthaceae, Spiny bottle brush, Haplanthoda, plants, Folwers, etc.

INTRODUCTION

Spiny bottle brush is an erect annual herb, growing to only about half meter high. Oppositely arranged ovate narrow leaves are 5-10 cm long. The leaves have two spinous teeth at the tip and are covered with long spreading hairs. Stalkless flowers occur in the leaf axils, densely concentrated near the top of the stem. The flowers, which appear to have five petals, actually have only two petals which are 2 and 3 lobed. The flowers are dark blue in color and have a light green in the throat. Commonly found on rocky slopes in the western ghats.

Acanthaceae family

The mint order (Lamiales) has 24 families of flowering plants, including the Acanthaceae family. It comprises over 4,000 species and 220 genera, the majority of which are located in tropical and subtropical regions of the globe.^[1,2] The Acanthaceae family includes plants and trees in addition to their common members, which are bushes and spices. While humid

tropical woods are home to most of these plants, they can also be found in a variety of habitats, such as marshes, estuaries, and severely arid places.

The members of the Acanthaceae family are diverse and do not share many characteristics. The majority have simple leaves arranged in inverse matching, and the vegetative portions include streaks or protrusion of cystoliths, which are formed cells that contain jewels of calcium carbonate.^[5] The sexually indifferent flowers are usually large, often shadowed, and nearly always even. They are also typically surrounded by leaf-like bracts. Tubular structures are frequently formed when the five or four petals fuse together. Usually, there are one to three staminodes (Sterile stamens) and two to four stamens located beyond the entrance of the flower. The pistil is predominant, meaning it is positioned above the point where the other parts of the flower connect, and it is primarily composed of two combined carpels, or ovule-bearing portions, enclosing two locules, or chambers, each of which has two to numerous ovules in two lines along the ovary's focal pivot. The fruits are usually burst capsules that hold seeds that are borne by placental hooks.^[6-9] A revision has been made to the endemic Indian genus *Haplanthodes* (Acanthaceae). There are now four recognized species: *Helengherryensis*, *plumosa*, *tentaculata*, and *verticillata*; also, a novel variant called *Helengherryensis* var. *toranganensis* has been identified. *Haplanthodes*, *Haplanthus plumosus*, and *H. verticillaris* have lectotype designations.



Fig. 1: Haplanthoda verticillata plant.

Common name: Spiny Bottle Brush

- Gujarati: કાળું કરિયાતું *kalu kariyatu*
- Hindi: काला किरियात *kala kiriyat*, कस्तुला *kastula*

- Konkani: काळें किरायतें kalem kiraytem
- Marathi: जकारा jakara
- Tamil: ஒட்டு முடி குறிஞ்சி ottu mudi kurinjiSource

Classification

Kingdom: Plantae – Plants

Phylum: Tracheophyta

Examples: Ferns, gymnosperms, & angiosperms

Vascular plants – have vascular tissue (xylem & Phloem)

Subkingdom: Tracheobionta – Vascular plants

Superdivision: Spermatophyta – Seed plants

Division: Magnoliophyta – Flowering Plants

Class: Magnoliopsida – Dicotyledons

Subclass: Asteridae

Pappus is frequently present in inflorescences of involucrate heads (Capitula) of one to five florets on a shared receptacle encircled by phyllaries. The corolla is unified and has five lobes, and the five stamens form a cylinder around the style. The ovary has two style branches and is uniloculate, containing a single ovule.

Order: Scrophulariales

The figwort family, Scrophulariaceae, is made up of about 1,800 species and 65 genera. Genera including *Verbascum* (Mullein, with roughly 360 species), *Scrophularia* (200 species), and *Buddleja* (Butterfly bush, with 125 species) are among these herbs and shrubs. There are certain of them that have the same number of stamens as petals, such mulleins.

Native to Australia and the Pacific, the genera *Eremophila* (215 species) and *Myoporum* (approximately 30 species) comprise trees and shrubs. A comparable ornamental plant from the Caribbean is called *Bontia daphnoides*. Members of these three genera are distinguished by extremely bilaterally symmetric blooms; they were once classified as members of the *Myoporaceae* family. Most have pellucid spots on their leaves.

Family: Acanthaceae – Acanthus family

One of the 24 families in the mint order (Lamiales) of flowering plants, the Acanthaceae is home to about 4,000 species and 220 genera that are mostly found in tropical and subtropical climates worldwide. Although there are some trees and vines in the Acanthaceae family, herbs and shrubs make up the majority of the species.

Genus: Haplanthodes

A genus within the Acanthaceae family of plants is called Haplanthodes. India is home to it endemic.

Species: Haplanthodes verticillata.

Pharmacognostic characteristics

Botanical name

Haplanthodes verticillata (Roxb.) R.B. Majumdar (=Haplanthus verticillata(Roxb.) Nees, = Justicia verticillatus, Bremekampia verticillata(Roxb.)

Vernacular name

Jakara, Kateri.

Family

Acanthaceae.

Threatened category

Low risk (Gaikwad & Yadav, 2004)

Key characters

Flowers clustered in the midst of axillary cladodes, Corolla-lobes imbricate in bud, Cladodes Quadrangular, more than 1 cm long, capsules Compressed, glabrous.

Chemical constituents

- Vanillic acid
- Andrographolide
- 4-hydroxybenzoic acid
- Vitexin
- Isovitexin

Local name

Pankenar.

Part(S) used

Root.

Plant Parts and Methods of its useroots

Extracts taken orally.

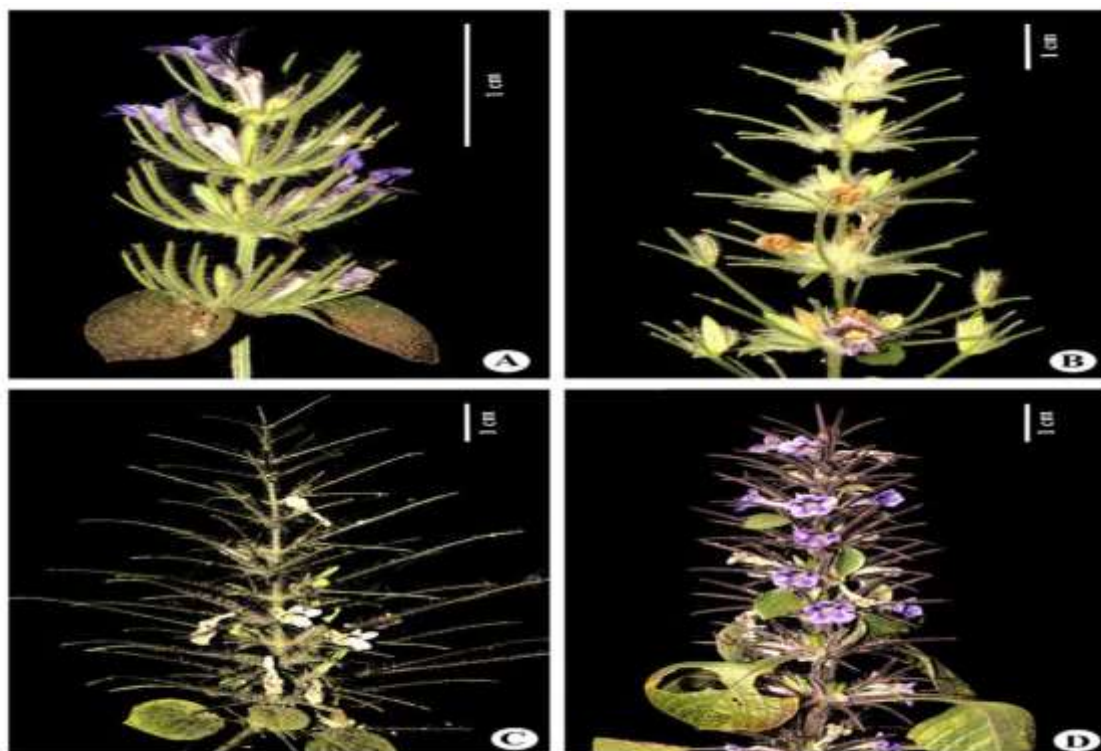


Fig. 2: Morphology of the inflorescence of Haplanthodes species. A. *H. neilgherryensis*, B. *H. plumosa*, C. *H. tentaculata* and D. *H. verticillata*.

Distribution

Of the four, *H. neilgherryensis* is the most prevalent. The states of Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu are home to the genus (Fig. 2). Near forest edges, roadsides, plateaus, forest walks, lateritic slopes or bunds, and under shade plants in deciduous woods are where all species are primarily found. They grow in open spaces, between 204 □ 668 m in elevation. *Haplanthodes* and *Andrographis* share some physical characteristics as well as a common biogeographical distribution. But in a number of morphological characteristics, it is different from the latter (Table 1). In the Western Ghats, *Haplanthodes* inhabits the arid and semi-arid ecological niches. Its cladode, densely hairy trichomes, and hygroscopic seeds set it apart from the other Members of the

Andrographideae tribe. These traits seem to have developed separately within this genus and could be an adaptation to its current.

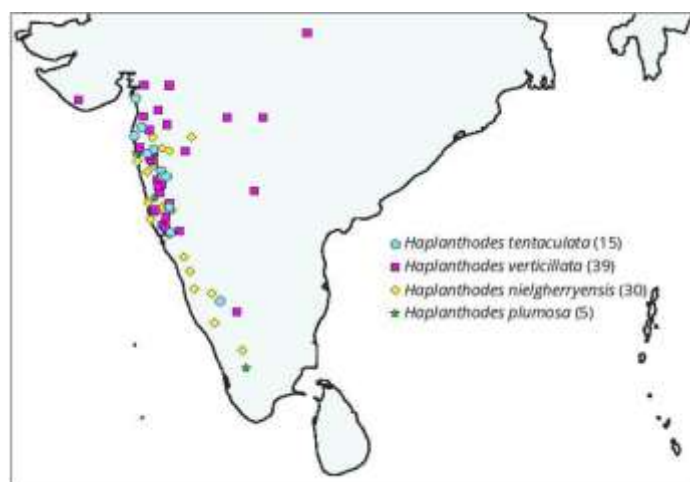


Fig. 3: Distribution of haplanthodes species.

Additional research has connected the development of cladode to a response to arid environments (Fukuda et al 2005; Pimienta-Barrios et al 2005; Nakayama et al 2012). Furthermore, the prolate form of pollen grain that was the ancestral characteristic of Haplanthodes has given way to an oblate type. According to some research, ecological variables like water availability and a change in the pollination process may have an impact on the size and form of pollen (Crisp et al., 2009; Torres, 2000).

Description

Growing to a height of only approximately half a meter, Spiny Bottle Brush is an erect annual herb. Ovate, slender leaves grouped in opposition are 5–10 cm long. The tips of the leaves are tipped with two spinous teeth and covered in long, spreading hairs. Stalkless blooms are densely packed close to the top of the stem in the leaf axils. Although the flowers seem to have five petals, they fact only have two, which are lobed in pairs of two and three. The flowers have a pale green throat and a dark blue tint throughout. Usually found in the Western Ghats on stony slopes. Blooming Season: November–January.

Strong, pubescent, glandular plants with axillary branches that are reduced to cladodes. Cladodes: pubescent, 4-angled, with two small spinous teeth at the apex. Sessile flowers. Corolla violet-blue. Stamen 2 is present. Capsules are sharp, somewhat compressed, glandular, and hairy at the tip. Humorous and hygroscopically hairy seeds.

Applications

A vast array of illnesses are treated by traditional remedies, which mostly rely on plants. This study chose *Haplanthodes neilgherryensis* (Wight) R.B. Majumdar (*H. neilgherryensis*) from the endemic Western Ghats flora in search of a bioactive chemical.^{19, 20} One of the 49 known endemic genera of angiosperms in India, the family *Haplanthodes* is primarily distributed in the Western Ghats region. The herb *H. neilgherryensis* is characterized by its slender, glandular stems with quadrangular top ends. The leaves have an oval (5–10_3-5 cm) shape that is acuminate at the apex and decurrent at the base.

The blue or lilac flowers are sessile, with axillary spines clustered at the tips of branches. Only a few species of *Haplanthodes* are used in traditional medicine to treat wounds and increase stamina.^{21, 22} Haplanthin, a flavanone glycoside, has been extracted from this plant and is also thought to be present in *Haplanthus tentaculatus*, a different species. This paper describes the flavonoids that were isolated from *H. neilgherryensis*, their structure, and their capacity to improve glucose absorption in L6 rat skeletal muscle cells.

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