

Botanic name: *Ruellia tuberosa* L.

Common name: Minnie Root, Snapdragon Root

Family: Acanthaceae

Habitat: Terrestrial

Distribution: Native to Central America but introduced and naturalized in tropical South and Southeast Asia including India

Description: Herb with tuberous fusiform roots, opposite leaves, winged petioles, stem 4-angled, flowers violet

Phytochemicals: Leaves contain apigenin, luteolin, while myristic, capril and lauric acid. Presence of tannin, flavonoid, steroid, triterpoid and phenol also reported.

Medicinal/economic uses: Used as anthelmintic, abortifacient, blood cleansing, antimicrobial, antifungal, insecticidal; in treating joint pains, bladder disease, kidney disease, whooping cough, and joint pains (roots and leaves).used as diuretic, antidiabetic, antipyretic, analgesic, anti-hypersensitive, thirst-quenching, and antidotal agent.