

**Botanic name :** *Gymnopetalum cochinchinense* (Lour.) Kurz.

**Common name :** Common Chinese Mistltoe

**Family :** Cucurbitaceae

**Habitat :** Terrestrial

**Distribution :** South China, Nepal, India and South East Asia.

**Description** Monoecious climbing herb, stems slender, angular, sulcate, scabrous-hairy; tendrils simple, filiform. Leaves membranous; scabrous, ovate-cordate, angled; base deeply cordate; apex acuminate; margin undulate, sparsely dentate; probract absent. Male inflorescence raceme; bracteates; flowers solitary, peduncle long, bract prominent, obovate, incise-serrate. Male flower solitary; calyx tube elongate, villous, wider at apex; sepals linear; stamens-3, inserted. Female flower solitary, in the same or different axil as male inflorescence. Ovary pubescent; narrowly ellipsoid. Stigma 3. Fruits are ovoid-oblong and ribbed

**Phytochemicals:** Tannins, saponins, flavonoids, glycosides, allelochemicals

**Medicinal/Economic uses :** Used to treat skin disease, body pain, body—ache, atrophy limb. Edible-Pickle