

Botanic name: *Cardanthera triflora* Buch.-Ham. Ex Nees

Common name: Water Wisteria

Family: Acanthaceae

Habitat: Aquatic

Distribution: Native to South and South-East Asia, invasive in Australia

Description: Viscid aromatic herbs; stem erect or ascending, rooting at nodes, Leaves opposite, dimorphic, submerged leaves, pinnately or bipinnately dissected, serrate-dentate, densely glandular hairy above. Flowers axillary. Corolla pale blue with a purple palate, 1.3 cm long, bilabiate, lower lip pubescent, shortly 3-lobed at apex, upper lip shortly 2-lobed. Stamens 4, didynamous; filaments hairy at base; Style filiform, pubescent; stigma 2-fid; Capsule; seeds many.

Phytochemicals: Cardiac glycosides, tannins, steroids, flavonoids & saponins were found.

Medicinal/Economical uses: Cultivated in aquarium as ornamental, Also as anthelmintic, CNS-depressant and analgesic, used as coagulant by tribal people.