

Botanic name : *Hygrophila phlomoides* (Wall.) Nees.

Common name: Holly leaved acanthus

Family: Acanthaceae

Habitat: Terrestrial

Distribution: Wet places; below 1200 m. in Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam.

Description: Perennials to 1 m tall, erect. Stems quadrangular, brown strigose. mm, hirsute; leaf blade elliptic, obovate, or oblong, papery, cystoliths dense, both surfaces hirsute, , base usually attenuate and decurrent onto petiole. Flowers axillary, several clustered or in whorls upward; bracteoles linear-oblong, hirsute. Calyx, white hirsute, 5-lobed to middle; lobes linear. Corolla, pubescent; lower lip oblong, sparsely pilose, 3-lobed; upper lip triangular, 2-lobed. Stamens 4; mm; pubescent. Capsule.

Medicinal/Economic uses : Scanty information. Used as stimulant, blood purifier. Leaves as vegetables. Detail pharmacological and pharmacognostic study needed.