

Plectranthus elegans

Scientific classification 

Kingdom : Plantae
Clade : Angiosperms
Order : Lamiales
Family : Lamiaceae
Subfamily : Nepetoideae
Tribe : Ocimeae
Genus : *Plectranthus*



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DESCRIPTION:

Plectranthus (English name spur flowers), with some 72 species, is a genus of perennial, rarely annual herbs or soft-wooded shrubs, sometimes succulent; sometimes with a tuberous base. Plectranthus species are found in Southern and Tropical Africa and Madagascar, and one in Sri Lanka. Stem erect, perennial, hairy. Leaves shortly petioled, ovate, 1–2 in. long, acute, cuneate at the base, crenate, scabrous and dark green above, pubescent beneath, with prominent veins. Cymes shortly peduncled, 2–3-flowered, forming a long narrow panicle; pedicels 1/6 in. long; bracts small, ovate, acute. Calyx minutely hairy, broadly campanulate, 1/12 in. long; upper tooth ovate, obtuse, the others acuminate. Corolla 3–4 lin. long. Stamens exserted.

MEDICINAL USES:

Plectranthus elegans Britten has anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-helminthic activity. providing this species as a treatment for digestive complaints. P. elegans is also used for relief from sore throats.