


## *Sauropus androgynus*

<b>Scientific classification</b>	
<b>Kingdom</b> : Plantae	
<b>Clade</b> : Angiosperms	
<b>Order</b> : Malpighiales	
<b>Family</b> : Phyllanthaceae	
<b>Genus</b> : <i>Sauropus</i>	
<b>Species</b> : <i>S.androgynus</i>	
<b>Part used</b> : Leaves, roots	

### Description

*Sauropus androgynus* is an erect shrub that can reach up to 500 cm in height. It is flaccid and has cylindrical or angled branches (Figure [1](#)). The leaves are ovate or lance-shaped, measuring 2.0–7.5 cm and obtuse or acute. The male flowers are disk-shaped, entirely or nearly so. The fruit is nearly globular, up to 1.5 cm in diameter and whitish. This plant is widely cultivated and native to Southeast Asia including Bangladesh, India, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, and Yunnan

### Medicinal Uses

*Sauropus androgynus* is a medicinal plant with high antioxidant potential. The leaves are used as a medicine for coughs and to soothe the lungs, as a tonic, and as a febrifugal to relieve internal fever. The leaves are an effective treatment for erythema, measles and dysuria.