

Epiphyllum oxypetalum

Scientific classification

Kingdom	: Plantae
Clade	: Angiosperms
Order	: Caryophyllales
Family	: Cactaceae
Genus	: <i>Epiphyllum</i>
Species	: <i>Epiphyllum oxypetalum</i>



Description

The stems are erect, ascending, scandent, or sprawling and profusely branched. The primary stems are terete, up through 6 metres (600 cm) long, flattened laterally, and ligneous at their bases. The secondary stems are flat, elliptic-acuminate, up through 30 cm x 10–12 cm. The stem margins are shallowly through deeply crenate and undulate. Stems appear to be waxy therefore cutin may be present. Cutin reduces water loss from stems. A gel-like substance oozes out of stem cuts. Stems contain much water-filled tissue.

The plant is often miss identified as Brahma Kamala but it is not actually brahma kamala which in contrary *Saussurea obvallata*

USES

It is known to have medicinal properties in many Asian cultures, including India, Vietnam, and Malaysia. The plant is widely used in traditional medicine to treat respiratory ailments, bleeding conditions, and is also believed to have the property of reducing pain and inflammation.