

## *Paederia foetida*

### **Scientific classification**

Kingdom : Plantae  
(unranked) : Angiosperms  
Order : Gentianales  
Family : Rubiaceae  
Genus : *Paederia*  
Species : *P. foetida*



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### **Description:**

Skunk vine is a fast-growing, slender, perennial, climbing plant producing stems 1.5 - 7 metres long that twine into other plants for support. The whole plant has a foetid aroma when rubbed. A popular medicinal plant in the Orient, where it is commonly gathered from the wild and is sold as a medicinal herb in local markets. It is also often grown as an ornamental.

### **Medicinal uses:**

The juice of the leaves is considered astringent, and is used to treat diarrhoea in children. The leaves are anodyne, antirheumatic, antivinous, astringent, carminative, depurative, diuretic, restorative and vermifuge.