

Strobilanthes maculata

Botanical Name: *Strobilanthes maculata*

Common Name: Spotted Strobilanthes

Morphological Characters

Spotted Strobilanthes is a rare plant found in Mizoram, Nagaland and Meghalaya. This plant was probably called *Ruellia maculata*, which originated from the Khasi Hills and was cultivated in the Calcutta Botanic Garden, where it flowered in 1816. Apparently no specimen was preserved. Spotted Strobilanthes is distinguished by the strongly protruding stamens, its broadly but shallowly serrate leaves and its relatively lax, usually paniculate spikes with oblong-oblancheolate, glandular-pubescent bracts. The leaves may or may not be spotted (species name *maculata* means spotted). It is a plietesial species, growing "socially" on the southern slopes of the Khasi Hills (Meghalaya), the Lushai Hills (Mizoram) and the Naga Hills (Nagaland).



Growing season and Type

- 1) Flowering: November.
- 2) Spotted Strobilanthes is distinguished by the strongly protruding stamens, its broadly but shallowly serrate leaves and its relatively lax, usually paniculate spikes with oblong-oblancheolate, glandular-pubescent bracts.
- 3) *Strobilanthes maculata* produces tubular flowers.
- 4) The subshrubs produce loculicidal capsules.



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- 1) Flower of *Strobilanthes maculata*
- 2) Leaf of *Strobilanthes maculata*
- 3) Tree of *Strobilanthes maculata*

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