

2. Abrus mollis Hance 毛相思子

(Photo 100)

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Climbing shrub. Branches, leaf-rachis and petioles yellow-villose. Leaves even-pinnate; leaflets 10 – 16 pairs, membranous, oblong or the uppermost one obovate, $1 - 2.5 \times 0.5-1$ cm, base rounded, apex truncate, apiculate, villose on both surfaces, but the hairs more dense and white abaxially. Racemes axillary, 3–7 cm. Flowers 4 – 6-fasciculate at nodes of rachis. Calyx campanulate, grey-villose. Corolla pink or purplish. Pods oblong, compressed, $3.5-5 \times 0.8-1$ cm, densely villose, dehiscent, 4–9-seeded. Seeds ovate, 5×3.5 cm, compressed, dark brown or black, brilliant.

Locality: Common in Hong Kong. *H. C. Tang 220; Y. S. Lau 768, 1366.*

Distribution: Hainan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Fujian; Indochina.

Ecology: Thin forests and thickets. Flowering: Jul. –Aug.; fruiting: Sep. – Dec.

Uses: Medicinal (folklore), materials (beads), seeds very poisonous.