



Scientific Name	Argyreia nervosa (Burm.f.) Bojer			
Common Names	Hawaiian baby, Woodrose, Elephant creeper, Woolly morning glory, സമുദ്രപ്പച്ച			
Family	Convolvulaceae			
Plant description	A woody perennial vine with a maximum length of 9 – 15 m long. Leaves are cordate, measuring 15 – 25 cm long and 13 – 20 cm wide. Upper side of leaves is green and glabrous, while the lower side is silver and tomentose like young stems. Younger stem is silvery and tomentose. Flowers are pink or blue to purple, trumpet-shaped (5 cm wide) with darker purple in the centre. Flowers are located at the tips and are arranged in inflorescence known as cymes. Yellow-brown, dry capsule is the fruit. Each fruit holds 4 - 6 seeds.			
Distribution	It is native to the Indian subcontinent and introduced to numerous areas worldwide, including Hawaii, Africa, and the Caribbean.			
Uses	The leaves are said to be used for skin diseases and wounds. Pharmacological activities such as anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-rheumatic, immunomodulatory, adaptogenic and hepatoprotective have also been reported.			
Flowering and Fruiting time	July-December, March-April.			