

## *Ipomea obscura* (L.)Ker Gawler



**Habit:** Climbing herb

**Description:** Slender twining herbs. Leaves 2.5-6 x 2-4 cm, ovate to cordate, base cordate, apex acuminate, pubescent or glabrescent on both surfaces; petiole to 3 cm long. Flowers solitary or in sub umbellate cymes; pedicel to 1-1.5 cm long. Sepals 4-8 mm long, ovate-lanceolate, apex acute-apiculate. Corolla yellowish, throat purplish, 1.5-2.5 cm long, c. 2.5 cm across, campanulate. Stamens 5, villous at base. Ovary c. 1.5 mm long, conical; stigma capitate. Capsule 6-8 mm across, sub globose, apically beaked. Seeds c. 5 mm long, ovoid, black, thinly pubescent.

### **Taxonomy:**

<b>Kingdom</b>	Plantae
<b>Division</b>	Tracheophyta
<b>Class</b>	Magnoliopsida
<b>Order</b>	Solanales
<b>Family</b>	Convolvulaceae
<b>Genus</b>	Ipomea
<b>Species</b>	<i>Ipomea obscura</i> (L.)Ker Gawler

**Uses:** It is effectively used against dysentery, is applied to open sores and pustules.

**Reference:** Indian Biodiversity Portal, NCBI