3. PLUMBAGO, Linn.

Calyx tubular, with 5 prominent ribs, more or less glandular-muricate, ending in short teeth. Corolla with a cylindrical tube and spreading lobes. Stamens hypogynous. Style filiform, with 5 filiform branches stigmatic from the base. Fruit included in the calyx.—Perennials or shrubs, with leafy branches. Flowers sessile, in simple terminal spikes.

The genus, although comprising but very few species, ranges over the temperate and tropical regions of the New as well as the Old World. The only Australian species is a common Asiatic one. Another Indian species, distinguished chiefly by its red flowers and more herbaceous stem, *P. rosea*, Liun., is said to have established itself near Rockhampton, in Queensland, as an escape from gardens.

Plumbago auriculata

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Plumbago zeylanica