

2. **BRUCEA**, Mill.

Flowers polygamous. Calyx small, 4-cleft. Petals 4, minute, linear, imbricate in the bud. Disk 4-lobed. Stamens 4. Ovary 4-lobed or of 4 distinct carpels, the styles free or connate at the base, the stigmas entire, spreading; ovules solitary in each cell. Drupes 4, ovoid, scarcely fleshy, the putamen rugose. Seed with a membranous testa; albumen copious; embryo straight, radicle superior.—Trees. Leaves alternate, pinnate; leaflets oblique. Flowers very small, in small cymes, in simple slender axillary spikes.

The genus comprises a very few species, spread over tropical Asia and Africa, extending into northern India. The Australian species is one of the commonest Asiatic ones.

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Brucea gavarico
(L.) Merr.