

## Crassicaulis middletonii

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### Crassicaulis middletonii Latest News

In a remarkable botanical breakthrough, scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) recently discovered a new flowering plant species — *Crassicaulis middletonii*.

### About *Crassicaulis middletonii*

- It is a **new species of flowering plant**.
- It was discovered in the **evergreen forests of Arunachal Pradesh's** West Siang district.
- It marks the **first-ever record** of the **genus *Crassicaulis* in India**, **extending its known range** by more than 1,200 kilometres westward **from China's Yunnan province**.
- It belongs to the Gesneriaceae family (commonly known for ornamental species like African violets).
- It grows up to 30 cm tall and thrives **along stream banks near small waterfalls** at about 800 metres elevation.
- Its leaf base, **white flowers tinged with pink**, capsule shape, greenish ovary, and calyx distinguish it from its **only known relative, *Crassicaulis guiliangii*, found in Yunnan**.

- It has been assessed as **“Critically Endangered”** under the **IUCN Red List** criteria.

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