

Stauroanthera aureoglossa

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Stauroanthera aureoglossa Latest News

A team of botanists recently discovered a new plant species with a unique 'golden tongue' in the shaded streams of the Himalayas, named *Stauroanthera aureoglossa*.

About *Stauroanthera aureoglossa*

- It is a **new plant species**.
- It was discovered in the **dense, mid-elevation evergreen forests** of the Kamle and Upper Subansiri districts of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- It is a **perennial herb clinging to damp rocks and soil** right **beside flowing streams and rivulets**.
- The plant stands out from its closest relatives with a **distinct, bell-shaped, bluish-purple flower**.
- Unlike similar species, its **flower lacks a tubular projection called a spur at its base**.
- Instead, it **features a raised, bumpy, yellow patch inside the lower lip of its petals**.
- This striking feature **inspired its new scientific name**, with "**aureoglossa**" translating to the **golden-yellow, tongue-like appendage** seen on the **flower**.

- It has **diamond- or spear-shaped leaves**.
- Because their **fragile streamside habitats** are being actively damaged by logging, landslides, and road-widening projects, the scientists have **provisionally classified** this **rare, golden-tongued herb as an endangered species**.

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