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| 1 | 1. Pistillate flowers in separate elongate terminal spikes, the staminate spikes axillary; at least some of the leaf blades shallowly cordate at the base, the margins with numerous (1836 on each side) closely spaced teeth ... 4. A. OSTRYIFOLIA | *Acalypha ostryifolia* |
| 2 | 1. Spikes all axillary, all or mostly with 13 basal pistillate flowers below the short to elongate portion with several to numerous staminate flowers; none of the leaf blades cordate, all tapered to broadly angled or slightly rounded at the base, the margins entire or more commonly with few to several (215 on each side) often broadly spaced teeth | |
| 3 | 2. Bracts 59(11)-lobed; leaves long-petiolate, the petiole slightly shorter than to slightly longer than the blade | |
| 4 | 3. Fruits 2-locular, 2-seeded; seeds 2.23.2 mm long ... 1. A. DEAMII | *Acalypha deamii* |
| 5 | 3. Fruits 3-locular, usually 3-seeded (rarely 1 of the ovules aborting); seeds 1.32.0 mm long ... 5. A. RHOMBOIDEA | *Acalypha rhomboidea* |
| 6 | 2. Bracts (9)1017-lobed; leaves relatively short-petiolate, the petiole 1/161/2 as long as the blade | |
| 7 | 4. Leaves with the petiole 1/41/2 as long as the blade, mostly longer than the inflorescence bract(s) at the same node; bracts with the lobes triangular-ovate to broadly oblong, usually lacking stalked and sessile glands (rarely sparse glands present) ... 6. A. VIRGINICA | *Acalypha virginica* |
| 8 | 4. Leaves with the petiole 1/161/4 the length of the blade, mostly shorter than to occasionally about as long as the inflorescence bract(s) at the same node; bracts with the lobes linear to lanceolate, narrowly oblong, or triangular-ovate, usually with at least some of the pubescence of white-stalked and/or red sessile glands | |
| 9 | 5. Fruits 3-locular, usually 3-seeded (rarely 1 of the ovules aborting); leaf blades narrowly lanceolate to more commonly oblong-lanceolate, oblong, or narrowly ovate; inflorescence bracts with the lobes mostly linear to lanceolate or narrowly oblong ... 2. A. GRACILENS | *Acalypha gracilens* |
| 10 | 5. Fruits 1-locular, 1-seeded; leaf blades linear to lanceolate; inflorescence bracts with the lobes mostly lanceolate to triangular-ovate ... 3. A. MONOCOCCA | *Acalypha monococca* |