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PERENNIAL, TWINING HERBS, C. 25 CM LONG. STEM QUADRANGULAR, 2 CM DIAM., SPARSELY HAIRY. LEAF ALTERNATE; PETIOLES 1–2 CM LONG, CHANNELED ABOVE, PILOSE; LAMINAE ELLIPTIC OR OVATE, 0.6–5.3 × 0.3–2.6 CM, BASE CUNEATE, MARGINS SERRATE, APEX ACUTE-CUSPIDATE, CHARTACEOUS, HISPID ABOVE, PILOSE BELOW, DARK GREEN ABOVE, WINE-RED BELOW.

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- 2. Flowers in dense spikes; seeds 4 per capsule*B. strigosa*
- 2. Flowers solitary in leaf axils; seeds 2 per capsule*B. integrisepala*

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