

LODUGAO/LODIGAO

Botanical Name: *Volkameria inermis*
Native range: East Asia and Pacific Islands

Common Name: Glory bower



Description: Lodugao is an evergreen shrub (up to 8 ft.). It grows rather straggly and will sometimes adapt a climbing habit to twine on surrounding vegetation. This plant is known for its lush green foliage and delicate white flowers.

Uses and cultural significance: Lodugao is salt tolerant and often planted on beaches for coastal protection. The roots, leaves and seeds are bitter and used medicinally. It can also be grown as an ornamental hedge.

How To Grow and Care For This Plant

Sun	Water	Soil	Fertilizer	Pests+Diseases
Full sun.	Water regularly to keep the soil consistently moist.	Sandy soils and at the edges of mangroves. Likes moist, well-drained soils with a pH of 6-7.	Use a balanced fertilizer with an N-P-K ratio of 10-10-10.	Pathogenic fungi such as Pythium, Phytophthora, and Fusarium.

Propagation	Lodugao grows well from cuttings. Select healthy, non-flowering stems and cut them into 4-6 inch segments. Ensure that each cutting has several leaf nodes, from which roots will develop.
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- Resources:**
- “Volkameria inermis L.” Flora and Fauna Web, National Parks, 15 February 2022, <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/florafaunaweb/flora/2/7/2747>.
 - Wikicommons (photo sources)

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