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Cestrum fastigiatum, watercolour drawing and hand-coloured plate, 1815
Now recognised as Cestrum diurnum, this species is native to the Caribbean and Mexico. It is not unusual for the epithet to change, or in some cases, for a species to be reattributed to another genus as botanical knowledge expounds.
Unidentified specimen, possibly from the family Annonaceae, painted by a Chinese artist, late 18th or early 19th century

This painting, by an unidentified Chinese artist, formed part of a collection by Kew’s first Director, William Jackson Hooker, and was probably sent to him by a correspondent stationed in China in the mid-1800s.