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adj.

Botany

Having the leaf base extending down the stem below the insertion.

[Middle English, from Latin *dēcurrēns*, *dēcurrent-*, present participle of *dēcurrere*, to run down : *dē-*, *de-* + *currere*, to run; see **kers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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