
盐穗木属 yan sui mu shu

Shrubs. Stems erect, branched; branches opposite, spreading, annual ones fleshy, jointed, densely papillate. Leaves opposite, undeveloped, scale-like. Inflorescences opposite, pedunculate, spicate; bracts opposite, scale-like; bractlets absent. Flowers axillary, 3 per bract, bisexual. Perianth 3-lobed; segments incurved. Stamens 1. Ovary compressed ovoid; stigmas 2, subulate, papillate. Fruit a utricle. Seed vertical, compressed ovoid; embryo semi-annular; perisperm present.

One species: Asia, SE Europe.


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Salicornia caspica Pallas, Reise Russ. Reich. 1: 480. 1771, not Linnaeus (1753); Arthrocnemum belangerianum Moquin-Tandon; Halocnemum caspicum Marschall von Bieberstein; Halostachys belangeriana (Moquin-Tandon) Botschantzev.


Saline-alkaline mud flats, valley salt-lake shores. W Gansu, Xinjiang [Afghanistan, Mongolia, Pakistan; SW Asia, SE Europe (Russian part)].