

## 10. PARAPTEROPYRUM A. J. Li, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 19: 330. 1981.

翅果蓼属 chi guo liao shu

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Shrubs. Leaves simple, clustered, rarely solitary, petiolate; ocrea membranous, oblique. Inflorescence terminal, racemose. Pedicel articulate. Flowers bisexual. Perianth persistent, 5-parted; tepals unequal, outer 2 smaller, accrescent in fruit. Stamens 8; filaments filiform. Ovary ovoid, trigonous; styles 3, free; stigmas capitate. Achenes trigonous, broadly ovoid, ribs with wings.

- One species.

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Shrubs small, 40–50 cm tall, much branched; bark purple-brown, slightly longitudinally exfoliating; branchlets dense, densely retrorsely hispidulous, spinescent at apex. Leaves clustered, rarely solitary; petiole complanate, 1–2 mm, hispidulous; leaf blade ovate-oblong or oblong, 4–6 × 2–3 mm, subleathery, both surfaces glabrous, midvein prominent abaxially, base subcordate or nearly hastate, margin entire, apex obtuse; ocrea red-brown, ca. 3 mm, membranous, oblique, glabrous, apex acute

or obtuse. Inflorescence terminal, racemose, 1–2 cm; bracts ovate, glabrous, apex acute, each 3–5-flowered. Pedicels longer than bracts, 1.5–2.5 mm, slender, articulate at middle. Perianth yellow-green; tepals elliptic, veined, unequal, outer 2 smaller, reflexed in fruit, inner 3 larger, accrescent, ca. 2.5 mm, appressed in fruit. Stamens unequal. Stigmas capitate. Achenes broadly ovoid, nearly orbicular, 4–5 mm in diam., trigonous, winged along angles, apex acute; wings pinkish, 7–8 × 8–9 mm, thinly membranous, slender veined, margin nearly entire. Fl. Jul-Aug, fr. Aug-Sep.

- Dry riverbanks, thickets in valleys; 3000–3400 m. Xizang (Gyaca, Mainling, Nangxian).

