

9. **BERRYA** Roxburgh, Pl. Coromandel 3: 60. 1820 [“*Berria*,” “1819”], nom. cons.

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Espera Willdenow.

Trees. Leaves alternate; leaf blade basal veins 5–7, base cordate, margin entire. Inflorescences terminal or axillary, paniculate. Flowers many, minute. Calyx campanulate, 3–5-divided. Petals 5, white or pink, spatulate or filiform. Stamens many, free; staminodes absent. Ovary 3(or 4)-loculed; stigma 3-lobed. Fruit a capsule, globose, 3(or 4)-valved, loculicidally dehiscent, each valve with 2 erect wings. Seeds 1 or 2(–4) per cell, villous; endosperm fleshy; cotyledons fallacious.

Six species: primarily in tropical Asia and Polynesia; one species in China.

1. ***Berrya cordifolia*** (Willdenow) Burret, Notizbl. Bot. Gart. Berlin-Dahlem 9: 606. 1926.

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Espera cordifolia Willdenow, Ges. Naturf. Freunde Berlin Neue Schriften 3: 450. 1801; *Berrya ammonilla* Roxburgh.

Trees 4–6(–35) m tall, 10–20 cm d.b.h. Stipules filiform, 1–2 cm, glabrous; petiole 3.5–10 cm; leaf blade ovate to ovate-oblong, 10–20(–25) × 6–8(–14) cm, thinly leathery, very sparsely stellate pubescent, soon glabrous, lateral veins 4 or 5 pairs, base cordate, apex acuminate. Panicles to ca. 20 cm,

hairy. Pedicel ca. 10 mm. Calyx 3–5-lobed, 3–5 mm, lobes triangular-ovate, hairy. Petals white or pink, filiform, 6–8 mm, becoming reflexed. Stamens 5–6 mm. Ovary hairy; style short. Capsule with persistent calyx, globose, 1–1.3 cm wide, pubescent, with 6(or 8) horizontally spreading thin wings, wings 2.5–3 × 0.7–1 cm. Seeds ca. 6 × 3 mm, with brown or yellow, caducous bristles.

Taiwan [Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam].

Berrya cordifolia is a valued timber tree in some parts of its range.

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