
伞花木属 san hua mu shu

Trees, dioecious. Leaves paripinnate, alternate, estipulate; leaflets serrate. Thyrses terminal and axillary near apex; bracts and bracteoles very small. Flowers unisexual, actinomorphic. Sepals 5, thinly membranous, imbricate. Petals 5, spoon-shaped, shortly clawed, scale absent. Disk annular, margin crenately lobed. Stamens (male flowers) 8, sometimes 7, exserted; filaments slender, conduplicate in buds; anthers ovoid, small. Ovary (female flowers) obcordiform, 3(or 4)-lobed and 3(or 4)-loculed; ovules 2 per locule, in pairs; style inserted between ovary lobes, erect, filiform. Capsules deeply lobed into 3 schizocarps, usually only 1 or sometimes 2 developed, broadly ovoid or broadly ellipsoid, loculicidal when mature; pericarp leathery. Seeds only 1 per fertile schizocarp, subglobose; testa rigid, arilloid absent; hilum small; embryo convolute.

● One species: China.

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Trees, deciduous, to 20 m tall. Bark gray; branches terete, tomentose. Leaves with petiole 14–45 cm, axis appressed pilose; leaflets 4–10-jugate, subopposite; petiolules ca. 1 cm or shorter; blades oblong-lanceolate or oblong-ovate, 7–11 × 2.5–3.5 cm, thinly papery, abaxially subglabrous or pilosulous on midvein, adaxially only hairy on midvein, lateral veins dense, ca. 16 pairs, slender, netted at tips, base broadly cuneate, apex acuminate. Inflorescences hemispheroid, dense and many flowered, main rachis and corymbose arranged branches tomentose. Flowers fragrant. Pedicels 2–5 mm. Sepals ovate, 1–1.5 mm, abaxially tomentose. Petals ca. 2 mm, abaxially villous. Filaments ca. 4 mm, glabrous. Ovary tomentose. Fertile schizocarps ca. 8 × 7 mm, tomentose. Seeds black; hilum cinnabar. Fl. May–Jun, fr. Oct.

● Broad-leaved forests; 300–1400 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hunan, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan.