

1. DALZELLIA Wight, Icon. Pl. 5: 34. 1852.

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Terniopsis H. C. Chao.

Herbs, perennial. Roots flattened, branched. Stems arising laterally from root, distichous, simple or shortly branched. Leaves small, elliptic, flattened, sessile, imbricate in 3 ranks, smaller on lateral ranks. Flowers 1 or 2, axillary to basal leaf, sessile, subtended by 2 bracts; bracts unequal, opposite. Tepals 3, membranous, basally connate. Stamens 2 or 3; filaments free; anther basifixed, 4-loculed. Ovary 3-loculed. Stigmas 3. Capsule smooth, 3-valved.

Four species: Cambodia, China, India, Laos, Sri Lanka, Thailand; one species (endemic) in China.

1. *Dalzellia sessilis* (H. C. Chao) C. Cusset & G. Cusset, Bull. Mus. Natl. Hist. Nat., B, Adansonia 10: 173. 1988.

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Terniopsis sessilis H. C. Chao, Contr. Inst. Bot. Natl. Acad. Peiping 6: 4. 1949 ["1948"].

Roots pink to purple, sometimes yellowish green, flattened, 1–1.5 mm wide. Stems 7–9 mm tall, with 5–10 leaves. Leaf blade elliptic, 0.5–1 × 0.4–0.5 mm. Bracts ovate, concave, ca. 1 mm. Tepals purple, ca. 2.5 mm. Stamens 1–2.5 mm. Ovary ellipsoid, ca. 0.7 mm. Stigma ± triangular. Capsule ellipsoid, ca. 1.5 mm; pedicel ca. 1 mm. Seeds ovoid, ca. 0.2 mm. Fl. and fr. Nov–Dec.

- 100–400 m. Fujian.

