

2. HYDROBRYUM Endlicher, Gen. Pl. 1375. 1841.

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Herbs, perennial. Roots expanded, thalloid, rarely branched. Leaves scale-like, distichous, equitant, sometimes linear or partly linear. Flowers solitary, terminal, shortly pedicellate, enclosed in a spathella before anthesis; spathella longitudinally dehiscent. Tepals (1 or)2(-4), at both sides of filament base. Stamens 2; filaments basally united; anther 2-loculed. Ovary 2-loculed. Stigmas 2. Capsule 2-valved, equal, prominently 5- or 6-ribbed.

Four species: E and S Asia; one species in China.

1. *Hydrobryum griffithii* (Wallich ex Griffith) Tulasne, Ann. Sci. Nat., Bot., sér. 3, 11: 104. 1849.

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Podostemon griffithii Wallich ex Griffith, Asiat. Res. 19: 105. 1838.

Small herb. Roots green, many branched, ca. 2.5 cm in diam., leathery when dry. Stems short, with 4-6 leaves. Sterile stem leaves in a rosette, linear, 3-4 mm; leaf blade 1-2 mm. Spathella ca. 2.5 mm. Tepals 2, linear, membranous, ca. 1.5 mm. Stamens 2, filaments connate to middle, ca. 1.5 mm; anther ca. 0.3 mm. Ovary ellipsoid, ca. 2 mm. Stigmas bluntly subulate. Capsule ellipsoid, ca. 2.2 mm, stipitate; valves delicately ribbed. Fl. Aug-Oct, fr. Mar-Apr.

900-1900 m. S Yunnan [Bhutan, E India, Myanmar, Nepal, N Vietnam].

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