

26. KIRILOWIA Bunge, *Delect. Seminum Hort. Bot. Dorpat.* 1843: 7. 1843.

棉藜属 mian li shu

Herbs annual. Leaves alternate, sessile, complanate, herbaceous. Flowers axillary, solitary or forming short spikes, bisexual and female (plants polygamous), without bractlets. Perianth 4- or 5-lobed, membranous, remaining unchanged in fruit; segments without appendages. Stamens 4 or 5, exserted; filaments filiform; anthers oblong, minutely appendiculate. Ovary compressed, obovate; style short; stigmas 2, filiform. Utricle not adnate to perianth. Seed vertical; embryo horseshoe-shaped; radicle inferior.

One species: C Asia.

1. Kirilowia eriantha Bunge, *Delect. Seminum Hort. Bot. Dorpat.* 1843: 7. 1843.

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Plants 10–40 cm tall, densely pubescent and sparsely villous. Stem erect, much branched; branches ascending or

oblique, slender. Leaves ovate to narrowly so, with reddish purple veins, villous, base broadly cuneate, apex acute. Inflorescence rachis densely villous. Perianth segments narrowly elliptic, densely villous or appressed pubescent. Stigmas hairy. Utricle obovate. Seed compressed ovoid. Fl. and fr. Jul–Aug.

Gobi desert, alkaline places, waste places. N Xinjiang [C Asia].

