

**20. BRACHYSTEMMA** D. Don, Prodr. Fl. Nepal. 216. 1825.

短瓣花属 *duan ban hua shu*

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Herbs annual. Stems subscentent, branched. Leaves opposite, petiolate; leaf blade ovate-lanceolate; stipules absent. Inflorescence a thyse, terminal or axillary. Flowers numerous, 5-merous, pedicellate. Sepals free, subscarios, persisting in fruit. Petals lanceolate, much shorter than sepals, margin entire. Stamens ca. as many as sepals, alternating with anther-less staminodes. Ovary 1-loculed, with 3 or 4 ovules; styles 2. Fruit a capsule, oblate, 4-valved, 1-seeded. Seed reniform or globose; testa tuberculate.

One species: SE Asia, China, Himalayas.

**1. *Brachystemma calycinum*** D. Don, Prodr. Fl. Nepal. 216. 1825.

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Stems diffuse or climbing among shrubs, to 6 m, glabrous or upper parts pilose, 4-angled, glossy, epidermis fragile. Petiole ca. 1 cm; leaf blade 3.5–7.5 × 1–1.5 cm, apex acuminate. Thyse lax, many flowered. Pedicel 2–5 mm. Sepals narrowly ovate, 4–6.5 mm, apex obtuse. Petals white, lanceolate, 1/3–1/2 as long as sepals, margin entire. Stamens and staminodes short. Ovary globose. Capsule globose, ca. 2.5 mm, shorter than sepals. Seed ca. 1.5 mm. Fl. Apr–Jul, fr. Aug–Dec.

Grasslands on mountain slopes, in open forests; 500–2700 m. W Guangxi, S Guizhou, SW Sichuan, SE Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, Cambodia, NE India, Laos, Nepal, Sikkim, Thailand, Vietnam].

