
拟檫木属  ni cha mu shu

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Evergreen trees, dioecious. Leaves alternate, triplinerved, young leaves sometimes lobate at apex. Umbels in abbreviated branches; bracts minute, alternate, caducous. Perianth tube short; perianth segments 6 in 2 whorls of 3 each. Flowers unisexual. Male flowers: fertile stamens ca. 9, 3 whorls of 3 each; filaments of 1st and 2nd whorls eglandular, of 3rd whorls each 2-glandular at base; anthers of 1st and 2nd whorls ovoid, 4-celled, all introrse, of 3rd whorls oblong, 4-celled, nearly lateral, all cells opening by lids; rudimentary pistil small. Female flowers: staminodes as many as stamens of male flowers; ovary superior, globose; style stout; stigma shield-shaped. Fruit seated on shallowly discoid perianth tube.

One species: Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar.


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Trees, 3–15 m tall. Branchlets stout, glabrous or slightly puberulent when young. Leaves alternate; petiole 1.9–3.5 cm; leaf blade ovate or rounded-oblong, 6.5–14.5 × 4.8–10.5 cm, glabrous on both surfaces, triplinerved, lateral veins 3–5 pairs, lowermost pair arising ca. 3 mm from base, base rounded or broadly cuneate, apex slightly rounded or obtuse, sometimes lobate when young. Umbels axillary, 2–5-clustered, male umbels often 4-flowered. Pedicel ca. 5 mm. Perianth segments broadly ovate. Male flowers: fertile stamens ca. 9; filaments short, glabrous, of 3rd whorls each with 2 subglobose glands at base; rudimentary pistil small. Fruit ovoid or subglobose, ca. 6 × 4 mm, seated on shallowly discoid perianth tube. Fl. Jun–Oct.

Open thickets, mixed forests; 2300–2700 m. SW and W Yunnan [Bhutan, India, Myanmar].