

8. CHUNIA H. T. Chang, Sunyatsenia 7: 63. 1948.

山铜材属 shan tong cai shu

Trees, evergreen; branchlets stout, with distinct nodes; buds compressed globose, glabrous. Leaves long petiolate; stipules thickly leathery, enclosing buds, caducous, leaving annular scar at each node; leaf blade tricuspidate or simple, broadly ovate-rounded, thickly leathery, margin entire, venation actinodromous. Inflorescence densely spicate, terminal or subterminal, 12–16-flowered; bracts 2. Flowers bisexual. Sepals and petals absent. Stamens 8, filaments somewhat longer than anthers; anthers ovoid, thecae 2-sporangiate, each dehiscing by 2 valves, connective produced. Ovary inferior; ovules 6 per locule; styles very short; stigmas papillose. Capsules ovoid-globose, dehiscing loculicidally above middle by two 2-lobed valves; exocarp woody, endocarp thick and hard. Seeds ellipsoid; seed coat thick and hard; endosperm fleshy; embryo straight,

- One species.

1. *Chunia bucklandioides* H. T. Chang, Sunyatsenia 7: 63. 1948.

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Trees to 20 m tall; bark scabrous, dark brown; branchlets stout, gray-brown, lenticellate; buds compressed globose. Stipules subrounded, 2–2.5 cm in diam., glabrous; petiole 7–13 cm, glabrous; leaf blade 10–15 × 8–14 cm, abaxially yellow-green, glabrous, adaxially drying dark green, shiny, base subcordate or truncate, apex acuminate; veins 5, palmate, abaxially convex, adaxially distinct. Flowers opening before leaves, 1.5 × 0.5 cm, stellately pubescent, 3–4 cm in fruit, usually only upper 3 or 4 flowers developing into fruits; peduncle 3–6 cm. Filaments 4–5

mm; anthers red, 2–3 mm. Styles 1.5 mm. Capsules ca. 15 × 13 mm; pericarp 2–2.5 mm thick. Seeds black-brown, shiny, 4–6 mm. Fl. Mar–Jun, fr. Jul–Sep.

- Wet valleys, rain forests; 300–600 m. S Hainan.

This species is listed as endangered by the IUCN.

