

**58. GEISSASPIS** Wight & Arnott, Prodr. Fl. Ind. Orient. 217. 1834.

睫苞豆屬 jie bao dou shu

Herbs. Stipules membranous, spurred below point of insertion. Leaves paripinnate, 4-foliate; leaflets opposite, subsessile. Inflorescences axillary or terminal racemes; peduncle long; bracts large, reniform, imbricate, membranous, striate, persistent, margin ciliate. Flowers small. Bracteoles absent. Hypanthium short. Calyx tubular, membranous, deeply 2-lipped, abaxial lip with inconspicuous lobes, adaxial lip entire and often cucullate. Corolla purple or yellow, 2–3 × as long as calyx; standard almost orbicular, nearly flattened, without an auricle; wings shorter than standard, obliquely obovate, without an auricle; keel short. Stamens monodelphous; anthers uniform. Ovary sessile, with 1 or 2 ovules; style inflexed; stigma small, capitate. Legume a loment, small, inflated, shortly stipitate, indehiscent, reticulate veined, margin conspicuously flattened, with 1 or 2 articles. Seeds 1 per article.

Three species: tropical Asia and Africa; one species in China.

**1. Geissaspis cristata** Wight & Arnott, Prodr. Fl. Ind. Orient. 218. 1834.

睫苞豆 jie bao dou

Herbs, annual, 15–60 cm tall. Stems becoming somewhat woody at base, procumbent, many branched at base, with above-ground adventitious roots; branchlets sparse, slender. Stipules lanceolate, 3–4 mm, membranous, apically striate, margin long ciliate. Leaves 4-foliate; petiole 3–4 mm; rachis swollen to shortly winged; leaflets subsessile; leaflet blades obovate to obovate, 4–7 × 3–4 mm, secondary veins 3–5 on each side of midvein, base cuneate and oblique, apex acute to slightly emar-

ginate and mucronate. Racemes axillary, congested, 1.5–1.6 cm; peduncle ca. 1.2 cm; bracts 6–12, almost orbicular to obliquely reniform, 0.7–1 × ca. 1.5 cm, with yellow setaceous cilia. Calyx 1.2–1.5 mm. Corolla yellow or purple; standard ca. 5 mm wide, creamy outside, with 2 purple-red spots inside near base; wings obovate, small; keels purplish black, small. Ovary linear; style filiform; stigma terminal. Legume oblong, ca. 4 mm, with conspicuous margin, with 1 or 2 articles, apex shortly beaked. Seeds chestnut-brown, reniform, ca. 2 mm in diam. Fl. and fr. May–Jan.

Beaches, sandy wetlands; below 100 m. Guangdong (Guangzhou) [Cambodia, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam].

