

**160. PAROCHETUS** Buchanan-Hamilton ex D. Don, Prodr. Fl. Nepal. 240. 1825.

紫雀花属 *zi que hua shu*

Perennial herbs, prostrate to ascending, rooting at nodes, sometimes with tubers. Leaves palmately 3-foliolate; stipules entire, free to basally adnate to petiole; petiole long; leaflets obcordate, base narrowly to broadly cuneate, margin entire or toothed. Inflorescence umbellate; peduncle axillary, erect or deflexed in fruit; pedicel bases bracteate; flowers 1–3. Calyx teeth  $\pm$  equal to tube, upper 2 connate for most of their length. Corolla not adnate to stamens; standard obovate, tapering into a claw; wings falcate-oblong, auriculate; keel broadly triangular-falcate, shorter than wings, apex straight or abruptly inflexed, acute. Stamens diadelphous; filaments capillary. Ovary sessile, glabrous; ovules numerous. Legume linear-ovate, longer than calyx, apex obliquely acute. Seeds numerous, brown, reniform, often spotted; hilum small, round and lateral.

Two species: E Africa, C and S Asia; one species in China.

**1. *Parochetus communis*** Buchanan-Hamilton ex D. Don, Prodr. Fl. Nepal. 240. 1825.

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Stems prostrate to ascending, 10–20 cm, tubers lacking. Stipules 4–5 mm, membranous, entire, free; petiole 8–15 cm, slender, pubescent; petiolule less than 1 mm; leaflets 8–20  $\times$  10–20 mm, lateral veins 4 or 5 pairs, base narrowly cuneate, margins entire or minutely serrate. Inflorescence umbellate; pe-

duncle longer than or equal to petiole; pedicels 5–10 mm; flowers 1–3. Calyx 6–9 mm, pubescent. Corolla blue or purple, rarely white or pink, ca. 20 mm; standard 1.4–2 cm, claw 3–5 mm; wings falcate-oblong, auricle 2–4 mm; keel abruptly inflexed, acute. Legume linear-ovate, 20–25  $\times$  3–4 mm. Seeds 8–12, ca. 2  $\times$  1 mm. Fl. and fr. Apr–Nov.

Thickets, woodland margins, grasslands, roadsides; 1800–3000 m. Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, N Thailand, Vietnam].

