
*白大凤属* **bai da feng shu**

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Shrubs, monoecious; indumentum of white stellate hairs, dense. Leaves alternate; stipules small; leaf blade margin double-dentate; venation palmate. Inflorescence axillary, 1 or 2 together, bisexual, male flowers in terminal cluster, female flowers 1 or 2, proximal on inflorescence. Male flowers: calyx lobes 4, valvate; petals absent; disk absent; stamens 3–5; filaments free, upper part incurved; anthers 2-locular; pistillode columnar, small, glabrous. Female flowers larger than male; sepals 6 or 7, filiform, or somewhat leaflike, imbricate, base contracted; petals absent; disk glands alternating with sepals; ovary 3(or 4)-locular, tomentose; ovules 1 per locule; styles connate at base, upper part 3- or 4-lobed, lobes 2-lobed, filiform, papillose. Fruit a capsule, 3(or 4)-locular, stellate pubescent. Seed subglobose, marbled, smooth; aril or caruncle absent.

One species: tropical SE Asia.


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Shrubs 0.5–2.5 m tall. Branchlets white stellate-tomentose. Stipules lanceolate, ca. 3 mm, base with 1 gland; petiole 1.5–5 cm, white tomentose; leaf blade ovate-elliptic or long ovate, 11–18 × 5–8 cm, thickly papery, abaxially white tomentose, adaxially glabrous, base auriculate-cordate or narrowly peltate, margin repand-dentate or coarsely serrate, apex shortly acuminate; palmate veins 5–7, lateral veins 4 or 5 pairs. Inflorescences ca. 2.5 cm, often once branched, tomentulose; peduncle ca. 1 cm, with 1 female flower and 1 or 2 male glomerules. Male flowers: calyx lobes 4, 1.5–2 mm, stellate pubescent; stamens 4; filament 2–3 mm; anthers ca. 0.5 mm; pistillode ca. 0.5 mm. Female flowers: pedicel ca. 1.3 cm; bracts 2, 1 leaflike, ca. 9 mm, 1 linear, ca. 4 mm, deciduous; sepals 6 or 7, linear, 6–13 × ca. 1 mm, tomentulose, margin sparsely glandular, persistent; ovary subglobose, tomentose; styles 3, ca. 7 mm. Capsule ca. 8 mm in diam., white tomentulose. Seeds ca. 5 mm in diam., marbled. Fl. and fr. Mar–Nov.

Thickets or forests on limestone; 200–500 m. E and SE Guangxi [Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, N Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam].