

29. CLEIDION Blume, Bijdr. 612. 1826.

棒柄花属 bang bing hua shu

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Trees or shrubs, monoecious or dioecious. Branchlets frequently glabrous. Leaves alternate, glandular-crenulate, penninerved; stipule small, deciduous. Inflorescences spicate or racemose, axillary; bracts eglandular. Male flowers fascicled to glomerulose, rarely solitary along axis; calyx closed in bud; sepals 3 or 4, valvate; petals absent; disk absent; stamens 25–80(–100); filaments free; anthers dorsifixed, 4-locellate, connective shortly produced; pistillode absent. Female inflorescences frequently 1-flowered. Female flowers: pedicel long, thickened at tip; sepals 3–5, imbricate, accrescent or scarcely enlarged in fruit; ovary 2- or 3-locular; styles 2 or 3, base often connate, deeply 2-cleft, filiform, stigmatic surface papillose; ovules 1 per locule. Fruit a capsule, 2- or 3-locular; pedicels rigid, club-shaped. Seeds subglobose, smooth, marbled.

About 25 species: Old- and New-World tropics and subtropics; three species in China.

- 1a. Male flowers available.
  - 2a. Male flowers 1 per bract; sepals unequal, ca. 4 mm; stamens 100–200 ..... 3. *C. bracteosum*
  - 2b. Male flowers 3–15 per bract; sepals equal, 2–2.5 mm; stamens 40–70.
    - 3a. Plants monoecious; pedicel 1–1.5 mm; petiole 0.3–3 cm ..... 1. *C. brevipetiolatum*
    - 3b. Plants dioecious; pedicel 2–3 mm; petiole 2–7 cm ..... 2. *C. spiciflorum*
- 1b. Female flowers or fruits available.
  - 4a. Ovary 2(or 3)-locular, styles 1.5–3 cm; fruit often 2-lobed, 2.5–3 cm in diam. .... 2. *C. spiciflorum*
  - 4b. Ovary 3-locular, styles 1–1.5 cm; fruit 3-lobed, 1.2–1.5 cm in diam.
    - 5a. Female sepals unequal, larger, 6–7(–20) mm, accrescent 9–15(–30) mm in fruit; petiole 0.3–3 cm ... 1. *C. brevipetiolatum*
    - 5b. Female sepals 2–4 mm, scarcely enlarged in fruit; petiole 2–7 cm ..... 3. *C. bracteosum*

1. *Cleidion brevipetiolatum* Pax & K. Hoffmann in Engler, Pflanzenr. 63(IV. 147. VII): 292. 1914.

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Small trees, 5–12 m tall, monoecious. Branchlets glabrous. Stipules lanceolate, ca. 3 mm; petiole 3–8 mm or 1–3 cm; leaf blade obovate or obovate-lanceolate to lanceolate, 7–21 × 3.5–7 cm, thinly leathery, abaxially bearded in vein axils, base obtuse, with 2–4 maculate glands, apex acuminate; veins 5–9 pairs. Male inflorescences unbranched, 5–20 cm, puberulent; bracts broadly triangular, ca. 1.5 mm. Male flowers 3–7 per bract, clusters widely spaced; pedicel 1–1.5 mm; sepals 3, 2–2.5 mm; stamens (40–)55–65. Female flowers axillary; pedicel thick, 2–3.5(–7) cm; bracts 2 or 3 at base, triangular, 1.5–2 mm; sepals 5, unequal, 3 lanceolate, 6–7(–20) × 2–3(–6) mm, 2 triangular, 2–4 × 0.5–1.5 mm; ovary globose, densely yellow villous; styles 3, ca. 1 cm, deeply 2-cleft, filiform. Fruiting sepals: 3 or 4 oblong, 9–15(–30) × 4–6(–10) mm; 1 or 2 shorter, 3–5 mm. Capsule 3-lobed, 1.2–1.5 cm in diam., pilose. Seeds subglobose, 6–7 mm, brownish marbled. Fl. and fr. Mar–Oct.

Evergreen forests, on limestone hills; 200–800(–1000) m. Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hainan, Yunnan [Laos, N Thailand, N Vietnam].

2. *Cleidion spiciflorum* (N. L. Burman) Merrill, Interpr. Herb. Amboin. 322. 1917.

长棒柄花 chang bang bing hua

*Acalypha spiciflora* N. L. Burman, Fl. Indica, 203. 1786; *Cleidion javanicum* Blume.

Trees, 5–30 m tall, dioecious. Branchlets glabrous. Stipules triangular, 2–5 mm; petiole 2–7 cm; leaf blade elliptic to oblong-lanceolate or ovate, (7–)9–30 × (2.5–)4–14 cm, thinly leathery,

abaxially bearded in vein axils, base obtuse or cuneate, margin sinuate-toothed or subentire, apex acute or acuminate; lateral veins 5–9 pairs. Male inflorescences unbranched, (5–)12–21 cm, puberulent; bracts ovate, ca. 1 mm. Male flowers (3–)5–15 per bract, clusters widely spaced; pedicel 2–3 mm; sepals 3, ca. 2.5 mm; stamens 40–70. Female flower axillary, solitary; pedicel 1–7 cm, base with some bracts; sepals 4 or 5, ovate-triangular, 1.5–3 mm, scarcely enlarged in fruit; ovary 2(or 3)-locular, densely villous; styles 2(or 3), deeply 2-cleft, 1.5–3 cm. Fruiting

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pedicel 3.5–15 cm, ca. 5 mm in diam. at tip; capsule often 2-lobed, 2.5–3 cm wide, smooth. Seeds subglobose, 9–12 mm in diam., brownish marbled. Fl. Apr–Jun, fr. May–Oct.

Valleys in evergreen or monsoon forests; 600–800(–1400) m. SE Xizang (Médog), SW Yunnan [Bhutan, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal; N Australia, Pacific islands].

**3. *Cleidion bracteosum*** Gagnepain, Bull. Soc. Bot. France 71: 569. 1924.

灰岩棒柄花 hui yan bang bing hua

Small trees, 5–15 m tall, dioecious. Branchlets glabrous. Petiole 2–7 cm; leaf blade oblong-ovate or ovate, (5–)9–19 × 4–9 cm, thinly leathery, abaxially bearded in vein axils, base obtuse, with 2–4 maculate glands, margin serrate, apex acute or acuminate; veins 5–7 pairs. Male inflorescences axillary or subterminal, 6–14 cm, puberulent; bracts triangular, 2–2.5 mm. Male flower solitary, remote along axis; pedicel 1–2 mm; sepals 2 or 4, ca. 4 mm; stamens 100–200. Female flower solitary, axillary; pedicel 2–4 cm; bracts at base triangular, ca. 1.5 mm; sepals 5, triangular, unequal, 2–4 mm, scarcely enlarged in fruit; ovary ovoid, 3-locular, densely yellow villous; styles ca. 1.5 cm, deeply 2-cleft. Fruiting pedicel 6–7 cm in fruit, club-shaped; capsule 3-lobed, ca. 1.5 cm in diam., smooth. Seeds ovoid, ca. 7 mm in diam., brownish marbled. Fl. Dec–Feb, fr. Apr–May.

Evergreen forests, commonly on limestone hills. Guangxi, S Guizhou, E and S Yunnan [N Vietnam].

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