

1. SURIANA Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 284. 1753.

海人树属 hai ren shu shu

Shrubs or small trees. Leaves simple, alternate; stipule absent. Flowers bisexual, 5-merous, in axillary cymes, rarely solitary; pedicel base articulated; bracts persistent, leaf-shaped. Sepals basally connate. Petals as many as sepals, imbricate. Stamens 10, sometimes 5 degenerated; anthers versatile. Disk inconspicuous. Ovary with 5 carpels; ovules 2 per carpel, basal-marginal; styles filiform. Fruit nutlike, 3–5 per flower, surrounded by persistent calyx. Seed 1; embryo curved, exalbuminous.

One species: tropical coasts throughout the world.

1. *Suriana maritima* Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 284. 1753.

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Shrubs or small trees, 1–3 m tall. Branches pubescent, with partially capitate glandular setae when young; branchlets dense, often with scar. Leaves with very short petiole, often fascicled at ends of branchlets; leaf blade somewhat fleshy, narrowly oblanceolate, 25–35 × ca. 5 mm, base gradually narrow, margin entire, apex obtuse; veins inconspicuous. Cymes axillary, 2–4-flowered; bracts lanceolate, 4–9 × 1–1.5 mm, pubescent;

pedicel ca. 1 cm, pubescent. Sepals ovate-lanceolate or ovate-oblong, 5–10 × 2–4 mm, pubescent. Petals yellow, imbricate, obovate, oblong, or rounded, with short claw, deciduous. Filaments basally villous, ca. 5 mm. Carpels hairy, obovoid to globose; styles glabrous, ca. 5 mm; stigma small but conspicuous. Drupe pubescent, subglobose, ca. 3.5 mm, with persistent basifixed style. Fl. Jun–Jul, fr. Aug–Oct.

Sandy places, gaps among stones on beaches. Guangdong (Xisha Qundao), Taiwan [tropical coasts throughout the world].

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