

5. DELAVAYA Franchet, Bull. Soc. Bot. France 33: 462. 1886.

茶条木属 cha tiao mu shu

Shrubs or small trees, dioecious. Leaves alternate, 3-foliolate, stipulate. Thyrses terminal or axillary, solitary or 2- or 3-fascicled; bracts and bracteoles small. Flowers unisexual. Sepals 5, imbricate, outer 2 smaller, persistent. Petals 5, longer than calyx, base with one 2-lobed scale adaxially, clawed. Disk shortly terete in lower part, cupular in upper part, margin membranous, wavy. Stamens (male flowers) 8, slightly exserted; filaments filiform, conduplicate in flower buds; anthers ellipsoid. Ovary (female flowers) shortly stalked, subglobose, 2-loculed or sometimes 3-loculed; ovules 2 per locule, inserted on middle axis, in pairs; style terminal, erect, subulate. Capsules obcordiform, 2- or 3-lobed, lobes obovoid or subglobose; pericarp leathery or nearly woody. Seeds 1 per locule, obovoid or subglobose; testa black and shiny, arillode absent; hilum orbicular.

One species: SW China, N Vietnam.

1. *Delavaya toxocarpa* Franchet, Bull. Soc. Bot. France 33: 462. 1886.

茶条木 cha tiao mu

Delavaya yunnanensis Franchet.

Shrubs or small trees, 3–8 m tall. Bark brownish red; branches slightly grooved, glabrous. Petiole 3–4.5 cm; leaflets thinly leathery; middle one elliptic or ovate-elliptic, sometimes lanceolate-ovate, 8–15 × 1.5–4.5 cm, base cuneate, with stalk ca. 1 cm, apex long acuminate; lateral ones smaller, ovate or lanceolate-ovate, subsessile, margin somewhat thickly serrate, rarely entire, glabrous; lateral veins slender, slightly prominent on both sides. Inflorescences narrow, slender, sparsely flowered. Pedicels 5–10 mm. Sepals suborbicular, concave, larger ones 4–5 mm, glabrous. Petals white or pink, narrowly elliptic or obovate, ca. 8 mm; scale broadly obovate, cuneate or square, upper part fimbriate. Filaments glabrous. Ovary glabrous or sparsely glandular hairy. Capsules royal purple, lobes 1.5–2.5 cm or slightly longer. Seeds 1–1.5 cm in diam. Fl. Apr, fr. Aug.

Dense forests; 500–2000 m. Guangxi, Yunnan [N Vietnam].

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