

1. **FONTANESIA** Labillardière, Icon. Pl. Syr. 1: 9. 1791.

雪柳属 xue liu shu

Shrubs or sometimes small trees, deciduous. Branchlets 4-angled. Leaves opposite, simple, sessile or short petiolate, entire or minutely serrate. Inflorescences terminal or axillary panicles or racemes. Flowers small, pedicellate. Calyx 4-parted. Corolla deeply 4-lobed, united only at base. Stamens 2, inserted at base of corolla. Ovules 2 in each locule, pendulous. Style and forked stigma persistent. Fruit samara, flat, surrounded by wing. Seeds 1 in each locule; endosperm fleshy; radicle upward.

One species: SW Asia and China.

1. **Fontanesia philliraeoides** Labillardière
subsp. **fortunei** (Carrière) Yaltirik in P. H.
Davis, Fl. Turkey 6: 147. 1978.

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Fontanesia fortunei Carrière, Rev. Hort. 1859: 43.
1859; *F. argyi* H. Léveillé.

Shrubs or small trees to 8 m, with upright branches, glabrous. Branchlets angled. Petiole 1–5 mm; leaf blade lanceolate, ovate-lanceolate, or narrowly ovate, 3–12 × 0.8–2.6 cm, papery, base cuneate, margin entire, apex acute to acuminate; primary veins 2–8 on each side of midrib, slightly raised or adaxially somewhat impressed. Terminal panicles 2–6 cm, axillary ones 1.5–4 cm. Flowers bisexual or polygamous. Pedicel 1–2 mm. Calyx minute, parted; lobes ovate, membranous, ca. 0.5 mm. Corolla greenish white, almost parted to base; lobes ovate-lanceolate, 2–3 mm. Stamens exceeding corolla lobes or not. Samara yellow-brown, obovate to obovate-elliptic, 7–9 mm, apex emarginate. Fl. Apr–Jun, fr. Jun–Oct. $2n = 26^*$.

* Near gullies, by streams, or in woods; below 800 m. Anhui, Hebei, Henan, Hubei, Jiangsu, Shaanxi, Shandong, Zhejiang.

Fontanesia philliraeoides subsp. *philliraeoides* is distributed in SW Asia.

