

**34. FUNTUMIA** Stapf, Hooker's Icon. Pl. 27: t. 2694. 1901.

丝胶树属 *si jiao shu shu*

Trees or shrubs, evergreen, bark and pith with white latex, domatia present. Leaves opposite, margin undulate or revolute. Cymes axillary or terminal, many flowered. Calyx deeply divided, with basal glands inside. Corolla salverform, tube swollen on 1 side at middle; throat much constricted, without scales; lobes overlapping to right. Stamens inserted near middle of corolla tube; anthers sagittate, included, adherent to pistil head, lobe with an empty tail; disc cup-shaped, deeply 5-cleft. Ovaries 2, free; ovules numerous, pendulous. Style glabrous; pistil head club-shaped. Follicles 2, divaricate. Seeds with a slender comose beak directed toward base of fruit.

Two species: tropical Africa, one cultivated in China.

**1. *Funtumia elastica*** (Preuss) Stapf, Hooker's Icon. Pl. 27: t. 2694. 1901.

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*Kickxia elastica* Preuss, Notizbl. Königl. Bot. Gart. Berlin 2: 353. 1899.

Trees to 35 m tall. Trunk to 50 cm in diam.; bark greenish brown to gray. Petiole 0.5–1.5 cm; leaf blade oblong or narrowly so, 6–27 × 1.5–10 cm, leathery, margin undulate; lateral veins 7–11 pairs, with axillary domatia abaxially, glabrous. Cymes short, glabrous; peduncle ca. 1 cm. Pedicel 2–8 mm. Sepals 4–5 mm, elliptic to broadly ovate, glabrous, glandular adaxially. Corolla tube pale green to white, 7–9 mm, glabrous; lobes 5–6 mm, apex obtuse. Anthers appressed pilose abaxially. Follicles narrowly spatulate, 8–19 cm, woody. Seeds fusiform, 4.5–7 cm, beak 3–5 cm, coma 4.5–7 cm.  $2n = 22$ .

Cultivated in S Yunnan [native to tropical Africa from Senegal to Tanzania].

A valuable source of rubber.

