

3. NEUROPELTIS Wallich in Roxburgh, Fl. Ind. 2: 43. 1824.

盾苞藤属 *dun bao teng shu*

Lianas, woody. Leaves petiolate, papery or leathery, margin entire. Inflorescences axillary, racemose, or subpaniculate toward apices of branches; bracts initially small, 1 bract becoming much enlarged in fruit, scarious, reticulate veined; bracteoles minute. Sepals 5, subequal. Corolla white or reddish, rotate to broadly campanulate, deeply 5-lobed. Stamens 5, adnate to base of corolla tube, exserted or included; filaments pubescent at base or glabrous; pollen not spiny. Ovary partly or fully 2-loculed, pubescent, 4-ovuled. Styles 2, free, short; stigmas peltate or reniform, ± lobed. Capsule small, glabrous, 4-valved. Seed 1, globose, smooth, glabrous.

About 11 species: seven in western Africa and four in Asia; one species in China.

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?*Erycibe integripetala* Merrill & Chun; *Neuropeltis integripetala* (Merrill & Chun) C. Y. Wu; *Sinomerrillia bracteata* H. H. Hu.

Climbers large, woody. Young stems mostly brown tomentose; mature stems glabrescent. Petiole 1–1.5 cm; leaf blade elliptic to elliptic-oblong, 6–12 × 2–6.5 cm, leathery, base broadly cuneate to attenuate into petiole, apex acute or short acuminate; lateral veins 7–10 pairs, subglabrous. Inflorescences 1–6 per axil, racemose; axes brown tomentose; bracts ovate to ovate-lanceolate, 2–3 mm, mucronulate, 1 broadly elliptic to circular in fruit, enlarging to 3–4.5 cm, glabrous except along veins. Sepals unequal, densely pubescent abaxially; outer 2 circular or slightly wider than long, 2–2.5 mm; inner 3 wider than long, 1.8–2 mm. Corolla white, broadly campanulate, ca. 5 mm, deeply 5-lobed; lobes incurved, longer than tube, pilose outside, apex obtuse. Filaments ca. 3 mm. Ovary ovoid, pubescent; stigma ca. 1 mm wide. Capsule subglobose, 5–6 mm in diam. Fl. Jun–Dec, fr. to Apr.

Forests, thickets; 400–1100 m. Hainan, S Yunnan [Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand].

