

45. OMBROCHARIS Handel-Mazzetti, Symb. Sin. 7: 925. 1936.

喜雨草属 xi yu cao shu

Herbs perennial. Rhizomes forming woody tubers. Stems sweetly aromatic. Verticillasters 6-flowered, in terminal racemes, bracts lanceolate, bracteoles minute. Calyx campanulate, 11-veined, 2-lipped, villous annulate on throat, dilated in fruit, ± membranous; upper lip 2-toothed, teeth lanceolate, apex acute; lower lip ca. 1/2 as long as upper lip, 3-toothed, teeth circular, apex acute. Corolla 2-lipped; upper lip somewhat galeate, deeply 2-lobed, lobes ovate; lower lip ca. 1/2 as long, 3-lobed, lobes subequal, subcircular, margin undulate. Stamens 4, included, inserted at middle of corolla tube; anterior filaments longer; anthers ellipsoid/circular, cells 2, subparallel, free. Style exerted, apex equally 2-cleft. Nutlets brownish, ovoid, flattened, smooth.

Monotypic: endemic to China.

1. Ombrocharis dulcis Handel-Mazzetti, Symb. Sin. 7: 926. 1936.

喜雨草 xi yu cao

Tubers to 3 cm in diam. Stems 1–3, erect, unbranched, 20–30 cm, slender, purplish villous, leafless toward base, glabrescent. Leaves ca. 5-paired toward apex; petiole 1.5–8 mm; leaf blade ovate to oblong-ovate, 4–12×1–4 cm, sparsely finely pilose, short floccose-pilose along veins, base broadly cuneate, decurrent along petiole, margin coarsely crenate-serrate, apex acute to short acuminate. Racemes 4–7 cm, retrorse minutely tomentose; verticillasters subsessile, widely spaced; bracts sessile, lanceolate, 5 mm, base acuminate, margin entire or few dentate, apex acuminate, ciliolate; bracteoles minute. Pedicel 0.9–1.5 cm. Calyx 4–5 mm, glandular, veins finely pilose, pouched to 8 mm in fruit, limb 2-lipped to nearly 1/2 its length; upper lip 2-toothed to 2/3 of length. Corolla purplish, 6–8 mm, margin papillate ciliolate; upper lip 3–4 mm, netted toward base, sparsely pilose abaxially. Nutlets ca. 2 mm. Fl. and fr. Aug.

- Subtropical evergreen forests; 1300 m. Hunan.

