

85. SKAPANTHUS C. Y. Wu & H. W. Li, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 13(1): 77. 1975.

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Herbs perennial. Rootstocks massive, woody. Stems few. Leaves usually in rosettes, petiolate. Cymes 6–10-flowered, widely spaced, in long, narrow terminal thyrses. Calyx broadly campanulate, dilated, declinate in fruit, 10-veined, glabrous inside, strongly 2-lipped; upper lip with 3 reflexed teeth; lower lip longer, with 2 projected teeth; teeth ovate-triangular, apex acute. Corolla declinate, 2-lipped; tube abaxially saccate, throat slightly constricted; upper lip ± spreading, 3-lobed; middle lobe largest, 2-lobulate, lateral lobes narrower; lower lip almost as long as upper, concave, subnavicular. Stamens 4, didynamous, declinate, included; filaments free, complanate, posterior 2 dilated, basally pilose; anthers 1-locellate. Style included, apex equally 2-cleft. Nutlets globose, smooth.

Monotypic: endemic to China.

Many workers regard *Skapanthus* to be synonymous with *Plectranthus*.

1. *Skapanthus oreophilus* (Diels) C. Y. Wu & H. W. Li, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 13(1): 78. 1975.

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Stems 15–25 cm tall, densely puberulent. Petiole 1–5 mm; basal leaves 4–6; leaf blades 3–6×2–3.5 cm, broadly cuneate, densely gray or brown strigose brown-glandular, base rounded to truncate, margin crenate above base, apex obtuse; stem leaves sessile, 1–3-paired, reduced, ovate-lanceolate, ca. 6×3 mm, margin entire. Cymes densely glandular pubescent; peduncle 1–10 mm; floral leaves similar to stem leaves or reduced; bracts sessile, purple-red to purplish blue, ± lanceolate, 2–5×1–3 mm; bracteoles linear, 1–2 mm. Pedicel 2–3 mm. Calyx ca. 2×3 mm, densely glandular puberulent, glandular outside, to ca. 5×5 mm, abaxially purplish in fruit, 2-lipped to 1/2 or more. Corolla purple-blue, to 8 mm, scattered brown glandular outside, glabrous inside; tube ca. 4 × 1.2 mm; upper lip ca. 4×5 mm, middle lobe to 2 mm wide; lower lip ca. 5 mm. Nutlets ca. 1 mm in diam. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Sep–Oct.

• Forests, slopes, thickets, hills; 2500–3700 m. Yunnan.

- 1a. Stems elongated; leaves in 3 or 4 separated pairs; lower floral leaves similar to stem leaves
..... 1b. var. *elongatus*
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1a. *Skapanthus oreophilus* var. *oreophilus*

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Plectranthus oreophilus Diels, Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinburgh 5: 227. 1912; *Dielsia oreophila* (Diels) Kudô.

Stems abbreviated, with 2 or 3 pairs of leaves in a rosette. Floral leaves reduced, bractlike.

• Pine forests, grassy slopes; 2700–3100 m. Yunnan.

1b. *Skapanthus oreophilus* var. *elongatus* (Handel-Mazzetti) C. Y. Wu & H. W. Li, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 13: 78. 1975.

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Plectranthus oreophilus Diels var. *elongatus* Handel-Mazzetti, Symb. Sin. 7: 941. 1936.

Stems elongated, with 3 or 4 pairs of leaves on basal part. Lower floral leaves similar to stem leaves.

• Forests, thickets, grassy hills; 2500–3700 m. Yunnan.

