

**8. WENCHENGIA** C. Y. Wu & S. Chow, *Acta Phytotax. Sin.* 10: 250. 1965.

保亭花属 *bao ting hua shu*

Subshrubs. Stems terete, solid. Leaves alternate, long petiolate. Racemes with spirally arranged flowers. Receptacle disciform, beaked at middle. Calyx funnelform, 19-veined, 5-toothed. Corolla obliquely tubular-campanulate, 2-lipped, upper lip 2-lobed, lower lip 3-lobed. Disc absent. Stamens 4, posterior 2 longest; anther cells 2, divaricate. Ovary apex shallowly 4-lobed, ovules anatropous; style subterminal. Nutlets 4, lower 2 sometimes undeveloped, obovoid, dorsiventrally flattened, with special pore of funicle bundle; exocarp thin, longitudinally 5-ribbed. Embryos erect, radicle directed downward, cotyledons fleshy.

A monotypic genus: endemic to China.

**1. *Wenchengia alternifolia*** C. Y. Wu & S. Chow, *Acta Phytotax. Sin.* 10: 251. 1965.

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Stems woody, basally nearly leafless, scars slightly elevated, reniform. Leaves alternate except for 1 or 2 subopposite pairs at mid stem; petiole ca. 2 cm at mid stem; leaf blade oblanceolate, 7–8.5×3–3.7 cm, adaxially subglabrous, abaxially glabrous with hirtellous veins, lateral veins anastomosing near margin, base cuneate-decurrent, margin shallowly undulate, apex obtuse. Racemes ca. 15 cm; peduncle hirtellous; bracts linear-lanceolate, hirtellous, as long as pedicels. Pedicel ca. 2.2 mm in flower, to 4 mm in fruit, hirtellous. Calyx ca. 3.5×to 4 mm, veins puberulent, shallowly dentate; upper teeth equal, deltoid, less than 1/2 as long as lower teeth. Corolla rose, ca. 2 cm sparsely puberulent, bearded at middle inside; tube to 1.6 cm, base narrow, gradually dilated into a broad throat to 8.5 mm wide; upper lip ca. 4.5 mm wide, slightly concave; lower lip subelliptic, spreading, ca. 5 mm wide; lateral lobes ovate, ca. 3.5 mm wide. Ovary hirtellous. Nutlets ca. 2×1.8 mm, areole ca. 1/3 as long as nutlet, apically tuberculate, hirsute. Fl. Sep, fr. Sep-Nov.

- Dense tropical forests; 400 m. Hainan.

