

25. MICROCARPAEA R. Brown, Prodr. 435. 1810.

小果草属 xiao guo cao shu

Herbs, small, creeping, much branched, cushionlike. Leaves opposite, small. Flowers axillary. Calyx tubular-campanulate, 5-angled, 5-toothed. Corolla subcampanulate, 4-lobed; lower lip 3-lobed, patent; upper lip entire, short, erect. Stamens 2, anterior. Capsule slightly flattened, 2-grooved, loculicidal. Seeds few, ovoid-fusiform, ± smooth.

One species: E Asia, Pacific Islands.

1. *Microcarpaea minima* (J. König ex Retzius) Merrill, Philipp. J. Sci. 7: 100. 1912.

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Paederota minima J. König ex Retzius, Observ. Bot. 5: 10. 1789; *Microcarpaea muscosa* R. Brown.

Annuals. Stems slender, many branched, glabrous. Leaves sessile, amplexicaul, broadly linear to narrowly oblong, 3–4 × 1–2 mm, margin entire and somewhat thick; veins inconspicuous. Flowers sometimes 1 per node, alternate, sessile. Calyx ca. 2.5 mm; lobes narrowly deltoid-ovate, sparsely ciliate. Corolla pink, ovoid, as long as calyx. Capsule ovoid, shorter than calyx. Seeds brownish yellow, ca. 0.3 mm. Fl. Jul–Oct. Paddy fields, swamps; 500–1400 cm. Guangdong, Guizhou (Jiangkou Xian), Taiwan, Yunnan (Jinghong, Xichou), Zhejiang (Huangyan Xian) [India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam; Oceania].

