

22. PSEUDOCHIRITA W. T. Wang, Bot. Res. Academia Sinica 1: 21. 1983.

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Herbs, probably perennial, terrestrial. Rhizomatous. Stems simple or branched. Leaves few to many, along stem, opposite, equal to subequal in a pair; leaf blade densely pubescent to velutinous, base cuneate to rounded. Inflorescences sympodial, spikelike, dense, ca. 10-flowered cymes axillary near stem apex; bracts 2, opposite. Calyx nearly actinomorphic, 5-lobed; adaxial central lobe larger. Corolla white, zygomorphic, inside glabrous; tube funnelliform, not swollen, longer than limb, ca. 9 mm in diam.; limb 2-lipped; adaxial lip 2-lobed, much shorter than abaxial lip; abaxial lip 3-lobed, lobes unequal, apex rounded. Stamens 2, adnate to abaxial side of corolla tube near middle, included; anthers basifixed, coherent at apex, thecae parallel, not confluent at apex, dehiscing longitudinally; connective not projecting; staminodes 2 or 3, adnate to adaxial side of corolla tube. Disc cupular. Ovary linear, 1-loculed; placentas 2, parietal, slightly projecting inward, 2-cleft. Stigmas 2, unequal, smaller 1 truncate, undivided, larger 1 narrowly obtrapeziform, emarginate. Capsule straight in relation to pedicel, linear, much longer than calyx, dehiscing loculicidally to base; valves 2, straight, not twisted. Seeds unappendaged.

One species: China, Vietnam.

1. *Pseudochirita guangxiensis* (S. Z. Huang) W. T. Wang, Bot. Res. Academia Sinica 1: 22. 1983.

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Chirita guangxiensis S. Z. Huang, Acta Bot. Yunnan. 2: 102. 1980.

Stems 50–100 cm, densely velutinous. Leaves unequal in each pair; petiole 1–7 cm; leaf blade ovate, 11–27(–30) × 6–16(–19) cm, adaxially densely appressed pubescent, abaxially velutinous, base slightly oblique, broadly cuneate to rounded, margin serrulate, apex acute to abruptly acuminate. Peduncle 3–9(–12) cm, velutinous; bracts early deciduous, ovate, to 1.5 cm, densely puberulent. Calyx 0.9–1.1 cm; adaxial central lobe broadly ovate, ca. 2 × 3 mm, other lobes depressed deltoid, ca. 1 × 2.5 mm. Corolla 3.2–4.3 cm; tube 2.5–3 cm; adaxial lip ca. 4 mm; abaxial lip 0.9–1.2 cm. Stamens ca. 1–1.3 cm; central staminode ca. 0.2 mm, laterals 4.5–5 mm. Pistil 2.4–2.9 cm; gynophore 5–8 mm; ovary ca. 1.2 cm, glandular puberulent. Style glandular puberulent; adaxial stigma narrowly ovoid, ca. 1 mm, abaxial stigma obtrapeziform, ca. 2.5 mm, apex emarginate. Capsule 3–4.5 cm.

Forests on limestone hills. Guangxi [Vietnam].

