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Herbs, perennial. Rhizomes stout, shortly nodose; aerial stems erect, with large brown scales at base. Leaves 2, simple, petio-luate; base cordate, apex 3–5-dissected, usually to ca. midway or more, sometimes partitions 2- or 3-lobed. Inflorescence terminal. Flowers appearing before leaves, bisexual, solitary, pink, large. Sepals 6, caducous. Petals 6, open. Anthers basifixed, dehiscing longitudinally. Pistils 1; ovary ellipsoid, 1-loculed, with numerous ovules. Fruit a berry. Seeds numerous, without fleshy arils. Pollen grains in tetrads. \(2n = 12^*, 14^*\).

One species: E Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, N India, Kashmir, Nepal, and Pakistan.

Sinopodophyllum was included within *Podophyllum* by Shaw (in Stearn, Gen. *Epimedium*, 258. 2002).


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Plants 20–50 cm tall. Stems solitary, angulate, glabrous. Leaf petiole 10–25 cm; leaf blade orbicular, not peltate, 11–20 \(\times\) 18–30 cm, thinly papery, abaxially pubescent, adaxially glabrous, base cordate, 3–5-dissected to ca. midway or more, often partitions 2- or 3-lobed, apex of lobes acute or acuminate, margin entire or coarsely dentate, teeth apiculate. Petals obovate or obovate-oblong, 2.5–3.5 \(\times\) 1.5–1.8 cm, apex slightly sinuolate. Stamens ca. 1.5 cm; filaments slightly shorter than anthers, 4–6 mm; anthers linear, 5–7 \(\times\) 1.2–1.9 mm, apex rounded, obtuse; anther connective not prolonged. Pistils ca. 1.2 cm; ovary with parietal placentation; style short, 1–3 mm. Berry red, ovoid-globose, 4–7 \(\times\) 2.5–4 cm, fleshy. Seeds maroon, ovoid-triangular. Fl. May–Jun, fr. Jul–Sep.

Forests, thickets, wet forest margins, weedy places, meadows; 2200–4300 m. Gansu, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [E Afghanistan, Bhutan, N India, Kashmir, Nepal, Pakistan].