

3. **SYMPHORICARPOS** Duhamel du Monceau, *Traité Arbr. Arbust.* 2: 295. 1755.

毛核木属 *mao he mu shu*

Shrubs, deciduous. Winter buds with several pairs of scales. Leaves opposite, entire or sometimes sinuous, shortly petiolate, stipulate. Flowers forming a spike at apices of lateral branches, sometimes solitary in axils of upper leaves. Calyx cupular, 4- or 5-lobed. Corolla reddish or white, campanulate to funnelform or hypocrateriform, 4- or 5-lobed, regular; tube slightly gibbous at base, inside long pubescent or glabrous. Stamens 4 or 5, inserted in corolla tube, included or slightly exerted; anthers introrse. Ovary 4-locular, 2 locules with several sterile ovules, remaining 2 each with 1 fertile ovule; style slender; stigmas capitate or slightly 2-lobed. Fruit a berrylike drupe, white, red, or bluish black, globose, ovoid, or ellipsoid; pyrenes 2, ovoid, ± compressed; seeds with endosperm, embryo small.

Sixteen species: 15 in North America and Mexico; one species (endemic) in China.

1. *Symphoricarpos sinensis* Rehder in Sargent, *Pl. Wilson.* 1: 117. 1911.

毛核木 *mao he mu*

Shrubs erect, 1–2.5 m tall. Young branches glabrous to pubescent. Bark fibrous. Petiole 1–2 mm; leaf blade abaxially glaucescent, adaxially green, rhombic to ovate, 1.5–2.5 × 1.2–1.8 cm, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins inconspicuous, base cuneate and narrowed to petiole, margin entire, apex obtuse to acute. Inflorescence a terminal, pedunculate spike of paired flowers at ends of axillary branches. Paired flowers 3–6, decussate, with conspicuous internodes; each flower with 1 small subulate bract and 2 shorter ones. Sepals to 1 mm, glabrous, acute. Corolla white, campanulate, 5–7 mm; lobes ovate, slightly shorter than tube, both sides glabrous; tube slightly gibbous at base. Stamens inserted at middle of corolla tube, equaling or slightly exceeding corolla; anthers white, ca. 2 mm. Style 6–7 mm, glabrous; stigmas capitate. Drupe bluish black, pruinose, ovoid, ca. 7 mm, crowned with a short beak. Pyrenes 2, densely pilose. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Sep–Nov.

• Scrub; 600–2300 m. S Gansu, Guangxi, W Hubei, Shaanxi, E Sichuan, N Yunnan.

This is rather rare and local species.

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