
**腐草属** *fu cao shu*

Herbs, annual, without chlorophyll, mycotrophic, rhizomatous. Stems simple or branched. Leaves cauline, bractlike, small. Inflorescences terminal, racemes or flower solitary. Perianth tube actinomorphic, salverform, lateral wings absent, without annulus at mouth; tepals 6, apically distinct; outer tepals larger than inner, slightly 3-lobed; inner tepals very small. Stamens 3, sessile on perianth tube; connectives generally not appendaged. Ovary ovoid to globose, 1-loculed, with 3 parietal placentae; placentae each with a large globose gland at both sides of apex; stigmas 3, often appendiculate. Fruit capsular, perianth caducous but perianth base persistent; dehiscence generally irregular or by longitudinal slits.

About 26 species: Africa, tropical America, Asia, New Guinea; one species in China.


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Plants holomycotrophic, flowering when 7–8 cm tall. Stems white to pale yellow. Leaves narrowly ovate-triangular, 1.5–2 mm. Inflorescences branched or not, 5–8-flowered; bracts ovate-triangular, ca. 2 mm. Flowers pedicellate, white. Perianth tube cylindric, ca. 3 mm; outer tepals ovate, ca. 1 mm; inner tepals ca. 0.2 mm. Stamens inserted immediately below inner tepals. Stigmas curved, funnel-shaped, not appendiculate. Fruit ca. 3 mm, dehiscence by irregular perforation of wall between costae. Seeds ovoid.

Tropical rain forests; low elevations. Taiwan [Indonesia, Malaysia, New Guinea, Thailand].