SABIACEAE

清风藤科 qing feng teng ke

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Trees, shrubs, or woody climbers, deciduous or evergreen. Leaves alternate, simple or odd pinnately compound; stipules absent. Inflorescences axillary or terminal, usually in cymes or panicles, or sometimes solitary axillary flowers. Flowers bisexual or polygamous-dioecious, actinomorphic or zygomorphic, small or minute. Sepals (4 or)5(or 3, 6, or 7), free or united at base, imbricate, equal or unequal. Petals (4 or)5(or 6)[or 7], imbricate, equal or inner 2 much smaller than outer 3. Stamens (4 or)5, opposite petals, attached to petals at base or free, all fertile or outer 3 infertile; anthers 2-celled, with narrow connectives or with thick cupular connectives. Disk cupular or annular, small. Ovary superior, sessile, 2(or 3)-loculed, with 1 or 2 half-anatropous ovules per locule. Fruit a drupe or schizocarp, consisting of 1 or 2 mature carpels, 1(or 2)-loculed, indehiscent. Seed 1; endosperm (if present) reduced to a very thin layer; cotyledons duplicate, radicle curved.


This family was recently treated by Kubitzki (Fam. Gen. Vasc. Pl. 9: 413–417. 2007).

1a. Woody climbers or scandent shrubs; stamens 5, fertile, equal; flowers actinomorphic, solitary or in few flowered axillary cymes or panicles; leaves simple ............................................................................................................................... 1. Sabia

1b. Trees or shrubs, erect; stamens 2, staminodes 3; flowers zygomorphic, in usually large, many flowered, terminal panicles; leaves compound or simple ............................................................................................................................... 2. Meliosma


Androglossum Champion ex Bentham; Changiodendron R. H. Miao.

Woody climbers or scandent shrubs, sometimes suberect, rarely erect, deciduous or evergreen. Branches terete or flexuose, striate, pubescent or glabrous, unarmed (except S. japonica); branchlets with bud scales persistent at bases, pubescent or glabrous. Leaves simple, glabrous or slightly pubescent, margins mostly entire or sometimes minutely erose, but never toothed, mostly narrowly cartilaginous and revolute. Flowers bisexual, rarely polygamous, axillary, solitary, or few and arranged in cymes or subumbellate panicles, actinomorphic. Sepals (4 or)5–7, persistent, imbricate, green, white, yellow, or purple. Petals usually (4 or)5(or 6)[or 7], persistent or not, longer than sepals. Stamens (4 or)5(or 6), all fertile; filaments ± flattened, adherent to bases of petals; anthers introrse or extrorse, upright or inflexed. Carpels 2; styles 2, persistent, connate; ovules 2 per carpel, ± superimposed, half-anatropous. Fruit a schizocarp, with 2 drupelets, usually 1 developed, drupelet laterally compressed; mesocarp white, reddish, or blue, rather thin, fleshy; endocarp crustaceous, with prominent veins forming a reticulate pattern (with faveolate cavities). Seed 1(or 2), subreniform; testa leathery, dotted; embryo with 2 undulate, or strongly folded cotyledons, radicle curved.

About 30 species: S and SE Asia; 17 species (seven endemic) in China.

See Water, A taxonomic revision of the genus Sabia (Sabiaceae) (Blumea 26: 1–64. 1980).


Sabia edulis H. Lév. (Fl. Kouy-Tchéou, 379. 1914–1915) is a species of Iodes Blume in the Icacinaceae (see Fl. China 11).


Key 1 (based on treatment in FRPS)

1a. Disk swollen, thickly set, shortly cylindric, margin annular or undulate, rarely crenate, never distinctly toothed or lobed.
2a. Flowers solitary, rarely 2-paired, never a 2-flowered cyme ................................................................. 1. S. campanulata
2b. Flowers 1–5, arranged in a cyme.
3a. Sepals 0.4–1.2 mm, subequal, suborbicular, ovate, or broadly ovate, veins inconspicuous.
  4a. Leaf blade glabrous, to 3.5 cm wide; pedicel 8–15 mm; ovary glabrous ............................................. 2. S. schumanniana
  4b. Leaf blade pubescent, to 7 cm wide; pedicel 3–5 mm; ovary pubescent, rarely glabrous ............... 3. S. yunnanensis

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3b. Sepals 2–3 mm, unequal or equal, obovate or oblong, veins conspicuous.
   5a. Sepals slightly unequal, subobovate, largest one distinctly emarginate at apex, others rounded; petals
       suboblong or obovate; leaf blade papyraceous; plants of mainland China ........................................ 4. S. emarginata
   5b. Sepals equal, oblong, apex rounded; petals oblong or obovate-oblong; leaf blade membranous;
       plants of Taiwan .......................................................................................................................... 5. S. transarisanensis

1b. Disk not swollen, thin, shallowly cup-shaped, margin irregularly toothed, lobed, or parted to base, never entire.
   6a. Flowers solitary .................................................................................................................................................. 6. S. japonica
   6b. Flowers arranged in cymes, or cymes composing a corymb or panicle.

7a. Flowers arranged in cymes composing a corymb or panicle.
   8a. Cymes arranged in corymbs; peduncle very short; petals with red spots .................................................. 13. S. fasciculata
   8b. Cymes arranged in panicles; peduncle relatively longer; petals without red spots.

9a. Panicle 7–25 cm; schizocarps suberect or suboblong, 1–1.7 cm in diam.; leaf blade elliptic or oblong-elliptic.
   10a. Panicle 4–6 cm in diam., yellowish pilose; leaf blade abaxially pubescent, lateral veins
       3–5 pairs .................................................................................................................................................. 14. S. paniculata
   10b. Panicle less than 2 cm in diam., glabrous; leaf blade abaxially glabrous, lateral veins
       6 or 7 pairs .................................................................................................................................................. 15. S. limoniacea

9b. Panicle 3–5(–7) cm; schizocarps suboblongar or oblong, 5–7(–10) mm in diam.;
   leaf blade ovate-lanceolate, narrowly oblong, or oblanceolate to lanceolate.
   11a. Panicle 3–5 cm; schizocarps suboblongar, 5–7 mm in diam.; leaf blade ovate-lanceolate
       or narrowly oblong, 1–3 cm wide ........................................................................................................ 16. S. parviflora
   11b. Panicle to 7 cm; schizocarps oblong to oblong-obovoid or purpliform, 7–10 mm in diam.;
       leaf blade elliptic-oblong to lanceolate, 1.5–8 cm wide ........................................................................ 17. S. lanceolata

7b. Flowers arranged in cymes.
   12a. Sepals unequal; disk margin parted to near base, lobes fleshy; leaf blade membranous .................. 7. S. purpurea
   12b. Sepals equal; disk margin not parted to near base, lobes not fleshy; leaf blade thinly leathery or
       papery.

13a. Young branches, inflorescences, and young petioles gray-yellowish lanuginous or pubescent, leaf
     blade pubescent or only pubescent on veins abaxially ........................................ 12. S. swinhoei

13b. Young branches, inflorescences, young petioles, and both surfaces of leaf blade glabrous.
   14a. Leaf blade narrowly oblong or oblong.
       15a. Cyme 3-flowered, peduncle 3–4 cm; branchlet striate; leaf blade 6–10 × 2–4 cm .... 8. S. nervosa
       15b. Cyme 5–10-flowered, peduncle 0.5–2 cm; branchlet brown; leaf blade
           3.5–7 × 1.5–3 cm .................................................................................................................................. 9. S. coriacea

14b. Leaf blade ovate or ovate-lanceolate.
   16a. Leaves evergreen, blade adaxially black when dried, abaxially pale green; cyme
       umbelliform; endocarp with distinct midrib .......................................................... 10. S. discolor
   16b. Leaves deciduous, blade adaxially olivaceous when dried, abaxially light green;
       cyme not umbelliform; endocarp without midrib .................................................. 11. S. dielsii

Key 2 (alternative key)
1a. Leaves deciduous.
   2a. Inflorescence solitary flowers.
       3a. Leaf blade membranous .................................................................................................................. 1. S. campanulata
   3b. Leaf blade papyraceous.
       4a. Old branches armed with short spines; flowering Feb–Mar; petals yellowish green; disk margin
           lobed .................................................................................................................................................. 6. S. japonica
       4b. Old branches not armed; flowering Mar–Apr; petals green to purple or brown; disk margin
           swollen or undulate .......................................................................................................................... 2. S. schumanniana

2b. Inflorescence a panicle or cyme.
   5a. Inflorescence a panicle.
       6a. Leaf blade abaxially glabrous, to 3.5 cm wide; pedicel 8–15 mm; ovary glabrous .................... 2. S. schumanniana
       6b. Leaf blade abaxially pubescent, to 7 cm wide; pedicel 3–5 mm; ovary pubescent, rarely
           glabrous ........................................................................................................................................ 3. S. yunnanensis

5b. Inflorescence a cyme.
   7a. Leaf blade membranous.
       8a. Petiole 2–4 mm, lateral veins of leaf 3 or 4 pairs; flowering in May; cyme 3–12-flowered; disk
           margin lobed; Yunnan .................................................................................................................. 7. S. purpurea
       8b. Petiole 4–6 mm, lateral veins of leaf 5 or 6 pairs; flowering in Apr; cyme 1- or 2-flowered; disk
           margin swollen; Taiwan .................................................................................................................. 5. S. transarisanensis
7b. Leaf blade papery.
   9a. Cyme 2–6-flowered; disk not swollen, shallowly cup-shaped ........................................... 11. S. dielsii
   9b. Cyme 3(–30)-flowered; disk swollen, broadly cylindric.
   10a. Cyme 4–5 cm, 1–20-flowered; sepals triangular-ovate, ca. 0.5 mm, not emarginate; schizocarp obovoid or orbicular ........................................................... 2. S. schumanniana
   10b. Cyme 1.5–1.8 cm, 2- or 3-flowered; sepals subovate to oblong, 1.5–3 mm, largest ones emarginate; schizocarp reniform ................................................................. 4. S. emarginata

1b. Leaves evergreen.
   11a. Leaf blade abaxially pubescent.
   12a. Leaf blade length : width ratio 1–2 : 1.
   12b. Leaf blade length : width ratio less than 1 : 2.
   12a. Leaf blade 5–9 cm wide, lateral veins 3–5 pairs; panicle 7–25 cm; petals purplish red, ca. 3 mm; schizocarp 10–12 mm in diam. ......................................................... 14. S. paniculata
   16b. Leaf blade 1.5–8 cm wide, lateral veins 6–12 pairs; panicle to 7 cm; petals green to white, 3.5–5.5 mm; schizocarp 7–10 mm in diam. ..................................................... 17. S. lanceolata
   15a. Leaf blade arranged in a corymb or panicle.
   15b. Leaf blade arranged in a corymb, glabrous to sparsely tomentulose ............................... 13. S. fasciculata

11b. Leaf blade abaxially glabrous.
   17a. Leaf blade leathery.
   18a. Leaf blade ovate, elliptic-ovate, or elliptic, abaxially pale green, adaxially green, apically acute or obtuse; cymes umbelliform ...................................................... 10. S. discolor
   18b. Leaf blade ovate-lanceolate, narrowly oblong, or oblanceolate to lanceolate, abaxially greyish green, adaxially dark or olivaceous green, apically acuminate or shortly acuminate; cymes arranged in a panicle.
   19a. Leaf blade ovate-lanceolate or narrowly oblong, 1–3 cm wide; panicle 3–5 cm; schizocarps suborbicular, 5–7 mm in diam., lateral veins to 8 pairs ........................................ 16. S. parviflora
   19b. Leaf blade elliptic-oblong to lanceolate, 1.5–8 cm wide; panicle to 7 cm; schizocarps obovoid to oblong-obovoid or pyriform, 7–10 mm in diam., lateral veins to 12 pairs .... 17. S. lanceolata

17b. Leaf blade leathery.
   20a. Branchlets green or striate; cymes 2–5-flowered or cymes arranged in a panicle.
   20b. Branchlets black or brown; cymes 5–10-flowered or cymes arranged in a corymb or panicle.
   22a. Cymes 5–8–flowered ...................................................................................................... 9. S. coriacea
   22b. Cymes arranged in a corymb or panicle.
   23a. Cymes arranged in a corymb; peduncle 1–2 mm; schizocarp red ............................... 13. S. fasciculata
   23b. Cymes arranged in a panicle; peduncle 2–6 mm; schizocarp green to blue or red.
   24a. Leaf blade ovate-lanceolate or narrowly oblong, 1–3 cm wide; panicle 3–5 cm; schizocarps suborbicular, 5–7 mm in diam., lateral veins to 8 pairs ........ 16. S. parviflora
   24b. Leaf blade elliptic-oblong to lanceolate, 1.5–8 cm wide; panicle to 7 cm; schizocarps obovoid to oblong-obovoid or pyriform, 7–10 mm in diam., lateral veins to 12 pairs ............................... 17. S. lanceolata

1. Sabia campanulata Wall. in Roxburgh, Fl. Ind. 2: 311. 1824.

钟花清风藤 zhong hua qing feng teng

Woody climbers, up to 6 m tall, deciduous. Branchlets light green, with brownish spots, striate, glabrous. Bud scales ovoid or broadly ovoid, apices acute, ciliate. Petiole 4–10 mm, pilose; leaf blade abaxially gray, adaxially dark green, lanceolate or narrowly ovate-lanceolate when young, oblong or oblong-ovate when mature, 3.5–8 × (2–)3–4 cm, membranous, abaxially glabrous or pubescent on veins, adaxially puberulent, subglabrous when old, lateral veins 4 or 5 pairs, anastomosing 4–5 mm from margin, reticulate veins sparse, lateral and reticulate veins inconspicuous adaxially, base cuneate or rounded, apex caudate-acuminate or acuminate. Pedicel 1.5–3 mm to 1.5 cm. Flowers solitary, rarely 2-paired, green, yellowish green, or dark purple, 1–1.5 mm in diam. Sepals 5, suborbicular, ca. 0.5 × 2 mm. Petals 5, broadly ovate or suborbicular, 6–9 × 4–7 mm, enlarged to 12 mm at fruiting, 7-veined, apex rounded. Stamens 5, 4–5 mm; filaments flattened; anthers extrorse. Disk margin lobed. Ovary glabrous. Schizocarp broadly obovoid, ca. 7 × 8 mm; endocarp with midrib, foveolate-concave on side, lateral surface concave, shaggy with unarranged strips. Fl. May, fr. Jul.

Humid valley forests, sparse forests, mountain slopes; 500–2800
1a. Sepals, petals, filaments, and disk without red glandular dots; cyme 1–3-flowered; leaf blade abaxially light green ...................................................... 2a. subsp. schumanniana

1b. Sepals, petals, filaments, and disk with red glandular dots; panicle to 20-flowered; leaf blade abaxially pale ...................................................... 2b. subsp. pluriflora

2a. Sabia schumanniana subsp. schumanniana


This species is used medicinally.

m. Anhui, Fujian, S Gansu, N Guangdong, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, SC Jiangsu, Jiangxi, S Shaanxi, Sichuan, S Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Bhutan, N India, Nepal].

1a. Petals green or yellowish green, persistent, enlarged to 12 mm at fruiting; disk shorter than broad ......................... 1a. subsp. campanulata

1b. Petals dark purple, deciduous, 5–6 mm; disk higher than broad .............................. 1b. subsp. ritchieae

1a. Sabia campanulata subsp. campanulata


This species is used medicinally.

1. Sepals, petals, filaments, and center of disk with red glandular dots; panicle to 1–3-flowered; leaf blade abaxially pale, narrowly elliptic or linear-lanceolate, 3–8 × 0.8–1.5(–2) cm. Panicle 6–20-flowered. Sepals, petals, filaments, and disk without red glandular dots.


四川清风藤 (原亚种) si chuan qing feng teng (yuan ya zhong)


2a. Sabia schumanniana subsp. pluriflora

2b. Sabia schumanniana subsp. bicolor (L. Chen) Y. F. Wu.

Water (Blumea 26: 25–27. 1980) treated this taxon as a synonym of Sabia campanulata.


云南清风藤 yun nan qing feng teng

Woody climbers, 3–4 m, deciduous. Young branches light green, pubescent or puberulent; old branches brown or black-brown, glabrous, striate. Bud scales ovoid or broadly ovoid, midvein prominent, puberulent when young, ciliate. Petiole 3–10 mm, pubescent; leaf blade ovate-lanceolate, oblong-ovate, or obovate-oblong to obovate-oboriginal, 3–7(–14) × 1–3.5(–7) cm, membranous or subpaper, both surfaces pubescent, or only abaxially pubescent on veins, lateral veins 3–6 pairs, slender, ascending, anastomosing, base obtuse-rounded to broadly cuneate, apex acute or acuminate to shortly cuneate. Panicle 2–4-flowered; peduncle 1.5–3 cm. Pedicel 3–5 mm. Sepals 5, with purple-red spots or not, broadly ovate or sub-
orybicular, 0.8–1.2 mm, glabrous. Petals 5, green, yellowish green, or purplish, with purple-red spots at base or not, broadly ovate or obovate-oblong, 4–6 × 3–4 mm, 7–9-veined, sometimes ciliate. Stamens 5. Disk swollen, prominent veins 3 or 4, with or without prominent brown glandular dots at center. Ovary pubescent or puberulent. Schizocarp subreniform, 6–8 mm wide; endocarp with midrib, and 1 or 2 reticulate lines. Fl. Apr–May, fr. May.

Dense or sparse forests, valleys, streamsides; 1400–3600 m. Anhui, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Xizang, C and NW Yunnan [Bhutan, Nepal].

Water (Blumea 26: 25–27. 1980) treated this species complex, including its infraspecific taxa and synonyms, in the synonymy of Sabia campanulata.

1a. Leaf blade ovate-lanceolate, oblong-ovate, or obovate-oblong, 3–7 × 1–3.5 cm, petals basally with purple-red spots; center of disk with prominent brown glandular dots ........................................ 3a. subsp. yunnanensis

1b. Leaf blade elliptic-oblong, elliptic-ovate, or obovate-elliptic, 5–14 × 2–7 cm; petals basally without purple-red spots; center of disk without prominent brown glandular dots ........................................ 3b. subsp. latifolia

3a. Sabia yunnanensis subsp. yunnanensis

云南清风藤 (原亚种) yun nan qing feng teng (yuan ya zhong)


Leaf blade ovate-lanceolate, oblong-ovate, or obovate-oblong, 3–7 × 1–3.5 cm. Petals basally with purple-red spots. Disk with prominent brown glandular dots at center.

Sparse forests, valleys, streamsides; 2000–3600 m. Henan, Hubei, Sichuan, Xizang, C and NW Yunnan [Bhutan, Nepal].


阔叶清风藤 kuo ye qing feng teng


Leaf blade elliptic-oblanceolate, elliptic-ovate, or obovate-elliptic, 5–14 × 2–7 cm. Petals basally without purple-red spots. Disk without brown glandular dots at center. 2n = 24*.

• Dense forests; 1400–2600 m. Anhui, Guizhou, Henan, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Yunnan.

on midvein, lateral veins 3–5 pairs, base acute, cuneate, or rounded, apex acute or acuminate. Pedicel 2–4 mm, 2–2.5 cm at fruiting; bracts 4, 2–4 mm. Flowers appearing before leaves, solitary. Sepals 5, suborbicular or broadly ovate, ca. 0.5 mm, ciliate or not. Petals 5, light yellowish green, obovate or oblong-ovate, 3–4 mm. Stamens 5; anthers narrowly elliptic, extrorse. Disk cup-shaped, shallowly 5-lobed. Ovary ovoid, pubescent or glabrous. Schizocarp green to red, purple, or bluish black, suborbicular or subreniform, ca. 5 mm in diam.; endocarp with prominent midrib, with faveolate cavities. Fl. Feb–Mar, fr. Apr–Jul.

Dense forests, forest margins, mountains, valleys, roadsides; below 800 m. Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang [Japan].

1a. Pedicels shortly pubescent or tomentellous; ovary pubescent .............................. 6a. var. japonica
1b. Pedicels and ovary glabrous ..................... 6b. var. sinensis

6a. Sabia japonica var. japonica

清风藤 (原变种) qing feng teng (yuan bian zhong)

Sabia bullockii Hance; S. japonica var. spinosa Lecomte.

Pedicels shortly pubescent or tomentellous. Ovary pubescent.

Dense forests, forest margins, valleys; below 800 m. Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang [Japan].


中华清风藤 zhong hua qing feng teng

Pedicels and ovary glabrous.

• Mountains, roadsides; ca. 500 m. Fujian, N Guangdong, SW Jiangxi.


灌丛清风藤 guan cong qing feng teng


Woody climbers, 2–6 m, deciduous. Branches green, slender, striate, glabrous; bud scales broadly ovoid, glabrous. Petiole 2–4 mm; leaf blade oblong-ovate or narrowly ovate, 1.5–6 × 1–3 cm, membranous, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins 3 or 4 pairs, ascending, arched-anastomosing, reticulate veins sparse, base broadly cuneate or rounded, apex acute or acuminate. Cymes 3–12-flowered, 1–3 cm. Flowers appearing at same time as leaves, 3–5 mm in diam. Sepals 5, slightly unequal, ovate or suborbicular, 0.5–1 mm. Petals 5, purple-green, purple, or dark red, with red dots distally, elliptic or ovate, 2–4 × 1.5–2 mm, 5-veined, apex obtuse or rounded. Stamens ca. 1 mm; filaments flattened; anthers introrse or extrorse. Disk cup-shaped, deeply lobed to near base, fleshy. Pistil ca. 1 mm; ovary glabrous. Schizocarp subobovoid, 5–7 mm; endocarp with prominent midrib, with faveolate cavities. Fl. May, fr. Jul–Aug.

Dense forests, valleys, streamsides; 1700–2700 m. W Yunnan.

Sabia purpurea subsp. purpurea is distributed in W Bangladesh, Bhutan, NE India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Thailand.


长脉清风藤 chang mai qing feng teng

Woodo climbers, evergreen. Young branches striate; old branches waxy; bud scales triangular, thick, pilosulous. Petiole 8–10 mm; leaf blade abaxially light green, adaxially dark green and shiny, black when dried, narrowly oblong or narrowly obovate-elliptic, rarely ovate, 6–10 × 2–4 cm, thinly leathery, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins 3–5 pairs, slender, ascending, anastomosing near margins, reticulate veins sparse, base broadly cuneate or cuneate, apex caudate-acute-cuneate. Cymes usually 3(–5)-flowered; peduncles 3–4 cm. Pedicel 4–8 mm. Sepals 5, triangular-ovate, ca. 1.5 mm, ciliate. Petals 5, light green, ovate, obovate, or oblong-ovate, 5–6 × 3.5–4 mm, 9-veined, apex rounded. Stamens 5, 3–3.5 mm; filaments flattened; anthers introrse. Disk shallowly cup-shaped. Ovary glabrous. Schizocarp blue when mature, obovoid, 6–7 mm; endocarp with midrib, with faveolate cavities. Fl. May, fr. Aug–Sep.

• Dense forests, valleys, hillisides, streamsides; below 900 m. N and W Guangdong, N Guangxi.


革叶清风藤 ge ye qing feng teng

Woody climbers, to 5 m, evergreen. Branchlets dark brown; bud scales broadly triangular-ovoid, apex acute. Petiole 5–15 mm; leaf blade abaxially light green, adaxially dark green and shiny, oblong or elliptic, 3.5–7 × 1.5–3 cm, leathery, lateral veins 4–7 pairs, ascending, anastomosing 5–7 mm from margin, reticulate veins sparse, base broadly cuneate or rounded, apex acute or acuminate. Cymes 5–10-flowered, umbelliform, 1.5–2.5 cm; peduncles 0.5–2 cm. Pedicel 1–5 mm. Sepals 5, broadly ovate, ca. 1 mm. Petals 5, light green with reddish tinge, oblong-ovate or ovate, 3–3.5 × 1.5–2 mm, 5–7-veined, apex acute or narrowly obtuse. Stamens 5, 1.5–2.5 mm; filaments flattened; anthers introrse. Disk cup-shaped. Ovary glabrous. Schizocarp pink to red or reddish purple, suborbicular or obovoid, ca. 5 mm; endocarp with midrib, with faveolate cavities. Fl. Apr, fr. Sep–Nov.

• Hillside scrub, valleys; below 1000 m. SC Fujian, Guangdong, S Jiangxi.


灰背清风藤 hui bei qing feng teng

Woody climbers, to 3.5 m, evergreen. Young branches striate, glabrous; old branches dark brown, waxy; bud scales broadly ovoid. Petiole 7–15 mm; leaf blade abaxially pale green, adaxially green, becoming black when dried, ovate, elliptic-ovate, or elliptic, 4–7 × 2–4 cm, papery, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins 3–5 pairs, base rounded or broadly cuneate, apex acute or obtuse. Cymes 4–5-flowered, umbel-
liform, 2–3 cm, glabrous; peduncles 1–1.5 cm. Pedicel 4–7 mm. Sepals 5, triangular-ovate, 0.5–1 mm, ciliate. Petals 5, yellow, ovate or elliptic, 2–4 × 1.5–2 mm, 4–7-veined. Stamens 5, 2–3.5 mm; filaments flattened; anthers extorse. Disk cup-shaped. Ovary glabrous. Schizocarp red or purplish red, obovoid, orbicular, or subreniform, compressed, 5–6.5 × 5.5–7 mm; endocarp with distinct midrib, keeled, foveolate cavities only at margin. Fl. Mar–Apr, fr. May–Aug.

- Mountain thickets; below 1000 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Jiangxi, Zhejiang.


平伐清風藤  ping fa qing feng teng

Sabia brevipeitolata L. Chen; S. olacifolia Stapf ex L. Chen; S. wangii L. Chen.

Woody climbers, 1–2 m, ?deciduous. Young branches yellowish green or light brown; old branches yellow-brown or brown, striate, glabrous; bud scales triangular or triangular-ovoid, thick. Petiole 3–10 mm; leaf blade abaxially light green, adaxially dark green, olivaceous-green when dried, obovate, or elliptic-ovate, 6–14 × 2–6 cm, papery, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins 4–6 pairs, reticulate veins sparse, base rounded or broadly cuneate, apex acuminate or long acuminate. Cymes 2–6-flowered, to 5 cm; peduncles 1.5–3 cm. Pedicel 5–10 mm. Sepals 5, ovate, 0.5–1 mm, ciliate. Petals 5, white, ovate or ovate-elliptic, 2–3 × 1.5–2 mm, inconspicuously 7-veined, apex rounded. Stamens 5, 1.2–2 mm; filaments flattened; anthers upright, elliptic, introrse. Disk cup-shaped. Ovary ovoid, glabrous. Schizocarp green, subreniform, somewhat compressed, 5.5–7 × 6.5–8 mm; endocarp without midrib, with foveolate cavities. Fl. Apr–Jun, fr. Jul–Oct.

- Forest margins, streamsides in thickets, mountain slopes, roadsides in valleys; 800–2000 m. N Guangxi, S Guizhou, C and S Yunnan.


尖叶清风藤  jian ye qing feng teng


Woody climbers, to 8 m, evergreen. Branchlets long and straight pilose; bud scales pubescent, ciliate. Petiole 3–5(–10) mm, pubescent; leaf blade elliptic, ovate-elliptic, ovate, or broadly ovate, 5–12 × 2–5(–5.5) cm, papery or thinly leathery, abaxially shortly pilose or pilose only on midvein, adaxially glabrous but pubescent on midvein when young, lateral veins 4–6 pairs, reticulate veins sparse, base cuneate or rounded, apex acuminate to caudate-acute, or obtuse to subrounded. Cymes 1 or 2–7-flowered, 1.5–2.5(–22) cm, sparsely pubescent or tomentose; peduncles (0.4–)0.7–1.5 cm. Pedicel 2–4 mm. Sepals 5, with inconspicuous red dots outside, ovate or narrowly triangular, 1–1.5 mm, ciliate. Petals 5, white to light green, yellow, or purple, ovate-lanceolate or lanceolate, 3–3.5–6 × 1–1.5 mm, 5-veined, apex acuminate. Stamens 5, 1–1.6 mm; filaments slightly to broadly flattened; anthers often inflexed, elliptic, introrse. Disk shallowly cup-shaped. Ovary glabrous, entire (or bifid). Schizocarp green to red or dark blue, suborbicular or obovoid, compressed, 7–9 × 6–8 mm; endocarp with inconspicuous midrib, with foveolate cavities. Fl. (Jan–)Mar–Apr–(Jun), fr. Jul–Sep–Oct.

Valley forests, thickets on limestone hills; 300–2300 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hainan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan, Zhejiang [N Vietnam].


簇花清风藤  cu hua qing feng teng


Woody climbers, to 12 m, evergreen. Young branches brown or black-brown, waxy; branchlets glabrous, sparsely puberulent, or tomentulose; bud scales broadly triangular or broadly ovoid, glabrous, ciliate. Petiole 8–15 mm, glabrous or somewhat puberulent; leaf blade abaxially light green, adaxially dark green, oblong, elliptic, obovate-oblong, or narrowly elliptic, 5–12 × 1.5–4 cm, leathery, lateral veins 5–8 pairs, standard, base cuneate or rounded, apex acute or long acuminate. Cymes 3–6-flowered, arranged in a short, ± corymbose inflorescence. Ovary glabrous. Schizocarp red, obovoid or broadly oblong, compressed, 6–7 × 7–8.5 mm; endocarp with conspicuous midrib, narrowly keeled, with foveolate cavities. Fl. Feb–May, fr. May–Oct.

Forests, mountain slopes, valleys, rocks; 600–1900 m. S Fujian, N Guangdong, Guangxi, SE Yunnan [N Myanmar, Vietnam].


锥序清风藤  zhuixu qing feng teng

Woody climbers, to 4 m, evergreen. Young branches yellowish brown, hispidulous, subglabrous when old. Petiole 1.5–3 cm, pubescent; leaf blade elliptic or oblong-elliptic, 10–20 × 5–9 cm, leathery, abaxially puberulent, adaxially glabrous, lateral veins 3–5 pairs, reticulate veins sparse, adaxially inconspicuous, base cuneate or rounded, apex acute or shortly acuminate. Cymes 3–6-flowered, arranged in a panicle 7–25 cm, 4–6 cm in diam., yellowish long pilose. Sepals 5, with purple-red stripes and spots in middle, ovate, ca. 1 mm, ciliate, densely pubescent outside. Petals 5, purple-red, narrowly oblong, ca. 3 × 0.8 mm, 5-veined. Stamens 5; filaments with purple-red spots, flattened; anthers introrse. Disk shallowly cup-shaped, shortly 5-lobed. Ovary glabrous. Schizocarp suborbicular, 1–1.2 cm in diam.; endocarp with midrib, with foveolate cavities. Fl. Jan–Apr, fr. Mar–Aug.

**Androglossum reticulatum** Champion ex Bentham; **Sabia limoniacea** var. ardisioides L. Chen.

Woody climbers, to 10 m, evergreen. Young branches green; old branches brown, waxy; bud scales broadly triangular. Petiole 1.5–2.5 cm; leaf blade elliptic, oblong-elliptic, or ovate-elliptic, 7–15 × 4–6 cm, leathery, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins 6 or 7 pairs, reticulate veins sparse, distinct abaxially, inconspicuous adaxially, base broadly cuneate or rounded, apex shortly acuminate or acute. Cymes 2–4-flowered, sometimes with a leaflike bract at base, arranged in a long, narrowly paniculate inflorescence 7–15 cm, less than 2 cm in diam. Flowers fragrant. Sepals 5, ovate or oblong-ovate, 0.5–1 mm, apex acute or obtuse, glabrous, ciliate. Petals 5, greenish white to light green, yellowish green, or light red, ovate to elliptic-ovate, 1.5–2 mm, 5–7-veined, apex rounded. Stamens 5; filaments flattened, anthers introrse. Disk cup-shaped, shortly 5-lobed. Ovary glabrous. Schizocarp pink to red or blue, suborbicular, 5–7 mm in diam.; endocarp with inconspicuous midrib, with obscure faveolate cavities. Fl. Mar–May, fr. Jul–Sep.

Forests; below 1000 m. SW Yunnan [Bangladesh, Bhutan, NE and NW India, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand].


**Celastrus discolor** H. Léveillé; **C. esquirolii** H. Léveillé; **Changiodendron guangxiense** R. H. Miao; **Sabia harmandiana** Pierre; **S. parviflora** var. harmandiana (Pierre) Lecomte; **S. parviflora** var. nitidissima H. Léveillé; **S. polyantha** Handel-Mazzetti.

Woody climbers, to 6 m, evergreen. Young branches pubescent, glabrous when old; bud scales ovoid, apex long acute, ciliate. Petiole 0.5–2 mm, sparsely puberulent or glabrous; leaf blade abaxially grayish green, adaxially dark green or olivaceous-green, sometimes shiny, obovate-lanceolate, narrowly oblong, or oblong-elliptic, 5–12 × 1–3 cm, papery or thinly leathery, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins 5–8 pairs, anastomosing 3–10 mm from margin, base rounded or broadly cuneate, apex acuminate. Cymes comprising a 10–20(–25)-flowered panicle 3–5 cm, glabrous or sparsely pilose; peduncles 2–6 mm. Pedicel 3–6 mm. Sepals 5, ovate or oblong-ovate, ca. 0.8 mm, apex acute, ciliate. Petals 5, green, yellowish green, or greenish white, oblong or oblong-lanceolate, 2.4–4 × 0.7–1.3 mm, veins up to 7 and reddish, apex acute or obtuse. Stamens 5, 3–5 mm; filaments broad and flattened, 1–2 × 0.25–0.5 mm; anthers often inflexed, elliptic or ovoid, extorse. Disk cup-shaped, distinctly 5-lobed. Ovary glabrous; styles narrowly conical. Schizocarp green to red or blue, suborbicular, 5–7 mm in diam.; endocarp with inconspicuous midrib, with obscure faveolate cavities. Fl. Aug–Nov, fr. Jan–May of following year.

Dense forests; 800–1300 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Hainan, Sichuan, SW Yunnan [India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand].


**Sabia chinensis** L. Chen.

Woody climbers or suberect shrubs, evergreen. Branchlets glabrous. Petiole to 1.2 cm; leaf blade elliptic-oblong to lanceolate, 5–22 × 1.5–8 cm, papery to leathery, both surfaces glabrous, lateral veins 6–12 pairs, obvious, straight or sometimes curved, base cuneate or cordate, apex acute or acuminate. Cymes 10–30-flowered, solitary, axillary or arranged in axillary panicles 1.5–7 cm, glabrous. Pedicel to 1.3 cm; bracteoles ovate to oblong-ovate, to 1.2 mm, often near calyx, glabrous, ciliate or not. Sepals 5, broadly ovate to ovate, 0.75–1.25(–2) × 0.7–1(–1.5) mm, glabrous, ciliate or not, apex acute to obtuse. Petals 5, green to white, oblong-ovate to oblong, 3.5–5.5 × 1.5–2 mm, veins to 6, but often obscured by many “granules” forming dotted lines, apex acute or narrowly obtuse. Stamens 5; filaments flattened, 1.2–2 mm, 0.3–0.5 mm wide; anthers introrse. Disk cup-shaped, 5–7 mm, veins to 6, but often obscured by distinctly disciform apices. Ovary broadly transversely ellipsoid, 0.6–0.75 × 0.7–1 mm, glabrous. Schizocarp probably blue when fresh, distinctly obovoid to oblong-obovoid or pyriform, somewhat compressed, 1.2–1.5 cm × 7–10 mm, with or without persistent petals and stamens at base, reticulate pattern faint or absent. Fl. Oct, fr. Dec.

Forests, streamsides in forests, thicketts on mountain slopes, ravines; 800–2800 m. W Guangxi, W Guizhou, Sichuan, S Yunnan [India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam].

2. MELIOSMA Blume, Catalogus, 10. 1823.

**Millingtonia** Roxburgh, Pl. Coromandel 3: 50. 1820 [“1819”], not Linnaeus f. (1782); **Wellingtonia** Meisner (1840), not Lindley (1853).

Trees or shrubs, evergreen or deciduous. Buds naked, brownish tomentose. Leaves simple or odd pinnate, leaves or leaflets entire or often dentate; petiole usually thickened at base. Inflorescence terminal, sometimes axillary, a pyramidal panicle, usually profusely flowered but sometimes sparsely so, up to 4 × branched and very large. Flowers numerous, 1–3 mm in diam., hermaphroditic, zygomorphic, sessile or shortly pedicellate. Sepals [3 or] (4 or) 5(–9), imbricate, with bracts beneath. Petals 5,
imbricate, unequal, 3 outer ones larger, usually suborbicular or reniform, convex, 2 inner ones much smaller, bifid or entire, sometimes 3-lobed, ± adherent to base of filaments of fertile stamens, concealed under outer petals at bud stage. Fertile stamens 2, opposite 2 inner petals; filaments flattened, short, incurved at apex into a cup-shaped connective; anthers 2-celled, globose or elliptic; staminodes 3, opposite outer sepals, adherent to their bases. Disk cup-shaped or shallowly cup-shaped, 5-dentate. Ovary sessile, 2(or 3)-loculed, with 1 or 2 ovules per locule. Fruit a drupe, small; mesocarp fleshy; endocarp stony or crustaceous. Seed ± globose, usually somewhat concave ventrally, without endosperm.

About 50 species: SE Asia, Central and South America; 29 species (ten endemic) in China.

The reader may also wish to refer to Beusekom, Revision of Meliosma (Sabiaceae), section Lorenzanea excepted, living and fossil, geography and phylogeny (Blumea 19: 355–529. 1971).


1a. Leaves pinnate.
   2a. Terminal leaflet (rarely 2 leaflets) with articulation on petiolule; sepals usually 4; outer petals broadly reniform or other shapes, slightly broader than long.
      3a. Leaflets abaxially crinite at vein axils; panicle 12–30 cm; 2 inner petals acutely bifid .............................. 28. M. alba
      3b. Leaflets abaxially not crinite at vein axils; panicle 40–45(–60) cm; 2 inner petals obtusely bifid .......... 29. M. veitchiorum
   2b. Terminal leaflets 3, petiolules not articulate; sepals 5; outer petals suborbicular or broadly elliptic, narrower than long.
      4a. Leaflets leathery, abaxially pubescent or glabrous.
         5a. Leaflets narrowly elliptic, elliptic-lanceolate, or lanceolate, margin entire or rarely 1- or 2-toothed near apex, only sparsely pubescent on midvein ................................................................. 21. M. angustifolia
         5b. Leaflets narrowly ovate, ovate-lanceolate, or oblong-elliptic, margin sparsely spinose-serrate, both surfaces glabrous, or only crinite at axils of lateral veins ........................................ 22. M. rhoifolia
      4b. Leaflets subleathery, abaxially pubescent, lanuginous, or glandulous (except in M. pinnata).
         6a. Leaflets basally usually cuneate, glabrous on both surfaces; petiole terete .............................................. 23. M. pinnata
         6b. Leaflets basally usually obuse-rounded, ± pubescent; petiole grooved.
            7a. Leaflets adaxially shortly pubescent, abaxially pubescent or subglabrous .......................... 27. M. oldhamii
            7b. Leaflets adaxially glabrous except pubescent on midvein and lateral veins.
               8a. Leaflets abaxially pale, claviform-glandular, but crinite at vein axils ..................... 26. M. glandulosa
               8b. Leaflets abaxially light green, sparsely pilose or lanuginous.
                  9a. Branchlets brown; leaflets ovate or ovate-lanceolate, abaxially and on inflorescences pilose or lanuginous .......................................................... 24. M. arnottiana
                  9b. Branchlets red; leaflets narrowly oblong, narrowly ovate, or narrowly obovate-elliptic, abaxially and on inflorescences sparsely pubescent .................................................. 25. M. kirkii
      1b. Leaves simple.
         10a. Lateral veins straight or nearly so.
            11a. Two inner petals entire, longer than fertile stamens ................................................................. 5. M. myriantha
            11b. Two inner petals bifid, or sometimes between the 2 lobes, with a smaller one, shorter than fertile stamens.
               12a. Panicle pendulous, rachis and branches distinctly zigzag ......................................................... 4. M. flexuosa
               12b. Panicle erect, lateral branches not pendulous, rachis and branches straight or slightly flexuose.
                  13a. Leaf margin sharply biserrate, abaxially curved pilose, inconspicuously crinite at vein axils ................................................................................................................................. 1. M. dillemifolia
                  13b. Leaf margin serrate, or seldomly 1-or 2-biserrate, straight or sparsely pubescent, conspicuously crinite at vein axils.
                     14a. Leaf blade obovate-cuneate or narrowly obovate-cuneate, apex shortly acuminate, margin serrate .................................................................................................................. 2. M. cuneifolia
                     14b. Leaf blade obovate, apex subtruncate, with short acute tip, margin undulate ........ 3. M. parviflora
         10b. Lateral veins distinctly ascending.
            15a. Panicle narrow, 4–7 cm wide, lateral branches short, less than 1 cm in diam.
               16a. Petiole narrowly winged, abaxially glabrous; 2 inner petals 2-lobed ........................................ 6. M. paupera
               16b. Petiole densely pubescent, abaxially scattered pubescent; 2 inner petals bifid to half ............ 7. M. bifida
            15b. Panicle broad, more than 8 cm wide.
               17a. Leaves 15–40 × 4–16 cm, lateral veins 15–28 pairs.
                  18a. Leaf blade abaxially densely lanuginous; sepals 5, outside with 4 or 5 equal bracts .......... 8. M. thomsonii
                  18b. Leaf blade glabrous or sparsely pubescent; sepals 4 or 5, without equal bracts.
                     19a. Ovary densely pubescent, drupes persistently pubescent; 2 inner petals entire ............. 9. M. thorelii
                     19b. Ovary and drupes pubescent; 2 inner petals bifid.

　


　

20a. Petiole 1.5–2.5 cm; branchlets pubescent; drupes globose ............................. 10. M. simplicifolia
20b. Petiole 3–5 cm; branchlets glabrous; drupes obovoid or subglobose ............... 11. M. longipes

17b. Leaves usually shorter than 15 cm, if to 15 cm, less than 5 cm wide, lateral veins fewer than 15 pairs.

21a. Leaf margin serrate.
22a. Abaxial surface of leaves and inflorescences sparsely pilose or densely tomentose ..... 18. M. rigida
22b. Abaxial surface of leaves and inflorescences sparsely pubescent.
23a. Petiole densely lanuginous; panicle 2 or 3 × branched ............................... 20. M. yunnanensis
23b. Petiole sparsely pubescent; panicle 3 or 4 × branched .............................. 19. M. fordii

21b. Leaf margin entire, rarely 1- or 2-toothed near apex.
24a. Petiole slender, 2.5–6.5(–10) cm, base terete, swollen; leaves clustered terminally.
25a. Leaves abaxially pale, densely yellowish brown squamellate ........................ 12. M. squamulata
25b. Leaves abaxially light brown, sparsely pilose ........................................... 13. M. damicola

24b. Petiole stouter, usually shorter than 2.5 cm, base not swollen; leaves scattered on branches.

26a. Leaves abaxially glabrous or only crenate at vein axils.
27a. Leaves leathery, abaxially glabrous; flowers ca. 2 mm in diam., 2 inner petals entire ................................................................. 14. M. henryi
27b. Leaves papery, crenate at vein axils; flowers 1–1.5 mm in diam.,
2 inner petals bifid ............................................................... 15. M. callicarpifolia

26b. Leaves densely ferruginous lanuginous or pilose.
28a. Leaves leathery, adaxially glabrous except on midvein and lateral veins; 2 inner petals bifid to half ........................................ 16. M. laui
28b. Leaves membranous or papery, adaxially pubescent, at least sparsely
so; 2 inner petals 2-lobed .................................................... 17. M. velutina


重齿泡花树  chong chi pao hua shu


Trees to 8 m tall, deciduous. Leaves simple; petiole ca. 3.5 cm; leaf blade ovate-elliptic, 10–30 × 4.5–8(–14) cm, papery, abaxially curved villous, adaxially pubescent, lateral veins 16–20 pairs, straight, running out into teeth, base cuneate, margin biserrate, apex acute or acuminate. Panicles terminal, erect, 14–30 cm, branched 3 or 4 times; peduncles and braches angulate, pubescent. Flowers ca. 2 mm in diam. Sepals 5, ovate or broadly ovate, ca. 1 mm, ciliate. Petals: 3 outer ones white, flat, orbicular, ca. 2 mm wide; 2 inner ones ca. 1 mm, bifid to half; lobes acute, ciliate. Stamens 1.5–1.8 mm. Pistil ca. 1 mm. Drupe globose, 3–3.5 mm in diam., finely reticulate, midrib prominent. Fl. Jun–Jul, fr. Sep–Oct. 2n = 32.

Jungles, valleys; 2000–3300 m. SE Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, N India, N Myanmar, Nepal].


泡花树 pao hua shu

Shrubs or trees, to 9 m tall, deciduous. Bark black-brown; branchlets dull black, pubescent. Leaves simple; petiole (0.2–)1–2 cm, sometimes narrowly winged; leaf blade ovate-cuneate or narrowly ovate-cuneate, 8–12 × 2.5–4 cm, papery, abaxially white hairy, adaxially pubescent, lateral veins 16–20(–30) pairs, straight, more than 3/4 of them into teeth, crenate in vein axes, attenuate from middle to base, base cuneate or decurrent, margin more than 3/4 serrate, apex shortly acuminate. Panicle terminal, erect, 15–20(–30) cm long and wide, pubescent, branched 3(–4) times. Sepals 5, broadly ovate, ca. 1 mm, ciliate. Petals white or greenish yellow: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 1 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones ca. 0.5 mm, bifid to half; lobes narrowly ovate, acute, outer margin ciliate. Stamens 1.5–1.8 mm. Disk 5-dentate. Pistil ca. 1.2 mm; ovary ca. 0.8 mm high. Drupe compressed-globose, 6–7 mm in diam.; endocarp triangular-ovoid, midrib prominent. Fl. May–Jul, fr. Sep–Nov.


This species is used medicinally and as a source of good timber.

1a. Petiole slender, 10–20 mm, leaf base not decurrent, adaxially pubescent; panicle 15–20 cm ........................... 2a. var. cuneifolia
1b. Petiole stouter, 2–15 mm, leaf base deciduous, adaxially subglabrous;
panicle 16–30 cm ............................................................. 2b. var. glabriuscula

2a. Meliosma cuneifolia var. cuneifolia

泡花树(原变种) pao hua shu (yuan bian zhong)

Meliosma dilleniifolia (Wallich ex Wight & Arnott) Walpers subsp. cuneifolia (Franchet) Beusekom; M. platypoda Rehder & E. H. Wilson.

Petiole slender, 10–20 mm; leaf blade adaxially pubescent, base not decurrent. Panicle 15–20 cm.


光叶泡花树 guang ye pao hua shu

Meliosma cuneifolia var. multinervia (Beusekom) Y.
W. Law ex C. Y. Chang; *M. dilleniifolia* var. *multinervia* Beusekom; *M. mairei* Cufodontis.

Petiole 2–15 mm, glabrous or sparsely pubescent, narrowly winged; leaf blade 10–24 × 4–10 cm, adaxially subglabrous, base decurrent. Panicle 16–30 cm.


细花泡花树  xi hua pao hua shu

*Meliosma dilatata* Diels.

Shrubs or small trees, to 10 m tall, deciduous. Bark gray, smooth. Leaves simple; petiole 5–15 mm; leaf blade adaxially dark green and nitid, ovate, 6–11 × 3–7 cm, papery, abaxially sparsely pubescent, crista in axils of lateral veins, adaxially sometimes pubescent on midvein, lateral veins 8–15 pairs, straight or not, branched far away from margin, terminal veins running into teeth, attenuate from middle to base, upper margin undulate-serrulate, apex rounded or subtruncate, tip shortly acute. Panicle terminal, 9–30 × 10–20 cm, 4 × branched, pubescent. Flowers 1.5–2 mm in diam. Sepals 5, broadly ovate or orbicular, ca. 0.5 mm wide, ciliate. Petals white: 3 outer ones orbicular, ca. 1 mm in diam., ciliate; 2 inner ones ca. 0.5 mm, bifid to half at an obtuse angle; lobes ciliate. Stamens ca. 1 mm. Ovary pubescent. Drupe globose, 5–6 mm in diam.; endocarp compressed-globose, midrib prominent. Fl. Sep–Oct.

- Jungles, streamsides in forests; 100–1200 m. Henan, W Hubei, S Jiangsu, Sichuan, Xizang, N Yunnan.

This species is a source of good timber.


垂枝泡花树  chui zhi pao hua shu


Trees small, to 5 m tall, deciduous. Buds, young branches, midveins of young leaves, and peduncles slightly brownish pilose, usually with 2 buds in leaf axil. Leaves simple; petiole 5–20 mm, concave adaxially, base slightly enlarged; leaf blade obovate or obovate-elliptic, 6–12(–20) × 3–3.5(–10) cm, membranous, both surfaces sparsely pubescent, lateral veins 12–18 pairs, attenuate from middle to base, margin serrate, apex acuminate or abruptly acuminate. Panicle terminal, pendulous, 12–18 × 7–22(–25) cm; peduncle and branches zigzag. Pedicel 1–3 mm. Flowers 3–4 mm in diam. Sepals 5, ovate or broadly ovate, 1–1.5 mm, outer one very small, ciliate. Petals white: 3 outer ones suborbicular, 2.5–3 mm wide; 2 inner ones ca. 0.5 mm, bifid to half at an obtuse angle; apex of lobes ciliate, sometimes 3-lobed, and middle lobe very small. Fertile stamens 1.5–2 mm. Pistil ca. 1 mm; ovary glabrous. Drupes obovoid, ca. 5 mm; endocarp oblique, midrib prominent. Fl. May–Jun, fr. Jul–Sep.


多花泡花树  duo hua pao hua shu

Trees to 20 m tall, deciduous. Bark grayish brown; young branches and petioles brownish pubescent. Leaves simple; petiole 5–15 mm; leaf blade obovate-elliptic, obovate-oblong, or oblong, 8–30 × 3.5–12 cm, membranous or papery, young leaves abaxially sparsely pubescent or densely pilose, crina in axils of lateral veins, adaxially sparsely pubescent, then glabrous, lateral veins (10–)20–25 pairs, straight, running into teeth, base obtuse, margin serrulate or basally entire, apex sharply acuminate. Panicule terminal, erect, 15–25 cm, pubescent; branches flat, long and slender, axis 3-angulate. Pedicel short. Flowers ca. 3 mm in diam. Sepals 4 or 5, ovate or broadly ovate, ca. 1 mm, apex rounded, ciliate. Petals: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 1.5 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones lanceolate, ca. 1.5 mm, entire. Fertile stamens 1–1.2 mm. Pistil ca. 2 mm; ovary glabrous. Drupe obovoid or globose, 4–5 mm in diam.; endocarp compressed-globose, midrib slightly prominent. Fl. summer, fr. May–Sep.

- Jungles, streamsides in forests; below 2000 m. Anhui, Fujian, N Guangdong, NE Guangxi, N to SC Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, SW Shaanxi, Shandong, Sichuan, Zhejiang [Japan, S Korea].

1a. Leaves serratate along whole margin ...... 5a. var. *myriantha*

1b. Leaves not serratate along basal margin.

2a. Leaf blade abaxially sparsely pubescent or only on midvein and lateral veins, margin serratate but not to base, lateral veins 12–22(–24) pairs; inflorescences sparsely pubescent

2b. Leaf blade abaxially densely pilose, adaxially ± pubescent, margin serratate from middle to apex, lateral veins 10–20 pairs

5a. **Meliosma myriantha** var. *myriantha*

多花泡花树(原变种)  duo hua pao hua shu (yuan bian zhong)

Leaves serratate along whole margin.

- Moist mountain forests; below 600 m. Henan, N Jiangsu, Shandong [Japan, S Korea].


异色泡花树  yi se pao hua shu

*Meliosma myriantha* var. *stewardii* (Merrill) Beusekom; *M. stewardii* Merrill.

Leaf blade abaxially sparsely pubescent or only on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 12–22(–24) pairs, margin serratate but not to base. Inflorescences sparsely pubescent.

- Humid forests, valleys, streamsides; 200–2000 m. Anhui, Fu-

柔毛泡花树 rou mao hua shu


Leaf blade densely pilose abaxially, not pubescent adaxially, lateral veins 10–20 pairs, margin serrate from middle to apex.

● Streamsides in forests; valleys; 100–2000 m. Anhui, Fujian, NE Guizhou, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, SW Shaanxi, S Sichuan, Zhejiang.


狭序泡花树 xia xu pao hua shu

Meliosma donnaiensis Gagnepain; M. paupera var. repandoserrata Merrill.

Trees small or medium-sized, to 9 m tall, evergreen. Young branchlets pubescent, glabrous when old. Leaves simple; petiole 7–13 mm, concave and pubescent adaxially, narrowly winged; leaf blade oblongate or narrowly ovate, 5.5–14 × 1–3 cm, thinly leathery, abaxially pubescent and adaxially only on midvein, lateral veins 7–10 pairs, slender, ascending or running into teeth, attenuate to base, margin entire or sparsely 1–4-serrate from middle to apex, apex acuminate. Panicle terminal, 7–14 cm, 3(or 4) × branched, sparsely pubescent. Pedicel ca. 1 mm or flowers subsessile. Flowers ca. 1 mm in diam. Sepals 5, broadly ovate, ca. 0.7 mm, 2 outer ones smaller and narrower, ciliate. Petals: 3 outer ones broadly ovate or orbicular, ca. 1 mm wide; 2 inner ones ca. 0.6 mm, slightly bifid at an obtuse angle, apex rounded, ciliate. Stamens ca. 0.7 mm. Pistil nearly equal to stamens; ovary glabrous. Drupe globose, 4–5 mm in diam.; endocarp subglobose, 3–4 mm in diam., midrib slightly prominent. Fl. summer, fr. Aug–Dec.

Jungles, forests, valleys, streamsides; 200–1500 m. N and W Guangdong, Guangxi, S Guizhou, S Jiangxi, SE Yunnan [Vietnam].


双裂泡花树 shuang lie pao hua shu

Trees to 15 m tall. Branchlets slender, pubescent. Leaves simple; petiole 0.5–1.5 cm, brownish pubescent; leaf blade narrowly elliptic or obovate-elliptic, 6–10 × 2–3 cm, thinly leathery, both surfaces pubescent; the midvein, lateral veins 7–11 pairs, slender, ascending, arching-anastomosing near margin, reticulate veins fine, base cuneate, slightly oblique, margin entire, apex acute or ciliate-acuminate. Panicle terminal or axillary, brownish pubescent, 5–8 × ca. 3 cm, branched 2(or 3) times; lateral branches slender, near axis. Pedicel 0.5–2 mm, brownish pubescent; upper flowers subsessile; bracts 1–1.5 mm, densely brownish pubescent, ciliate. Flowers ca. 2 mm in diam. Sepals 5, ovate or suborbicular, 1–1.3 mm, outer one smaller and narrower. Petals white: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 2 mm wide; 2 inner ones ca. 0.7 mm, bifid to middle and below; lobes linear, nearly parallel, apex ciliate. Fertile stamens ca. 1 mm. Disk cup-shaped, 5-crenate. Pistil ca. 1 mm; style ca. as long as ovary, apex 2-lobed. Fruit unknown. Fl. Jun–Jul, fr. unknown.

● Forests; ca. 2000 m. S Yunnan.


西南泡花树 xi nan pao hua shu

Meliosma forrestii W. W. Smith; M. simplicifolia (Roxburgh) Walpers subsp. thomsonii (King ex Brandis) Beusekom; M. subverticillaris Rehder & E. H. Wilson; M. thomsonii var. trichocarpa (Handel-Mazzetti) C. Y. Wu & S. K. Chen; M. trichocarpa Handel-Mazzetti.

Trees to 12 m tall, evergreen. Branchlets, petioles, abaxial surface of leaves, and inflorescences densely brownish velutinous. Leaves simple; petiole 2–4 cm, stout; leaf blade obovate-oblong or obovate-elliptic, 18–37 × 7–16 cm, leathery, abaxially densely lanuginous, adaxially pubescent on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 16–20 pairs, ascending and arched to margin, upper ones running into teeth, base attenuate to cuneate, margin sparsely serrate at and above middle, apex acute to acuminate. Panicle terminal, to 30 cm, branched 3(or 4) times. Flowers ca. 2 mm, nearly sessile. Sepals 5, ovate to broadly ovate, 1–1.2 mm, abaxially pubescent, ciliate, with 4 or 5 bracts outside. Petals light yellow: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 1.5 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones ca. 1 mm, bifid to half at an obtuse angle; lobes subovate, ± ciliate. Fertile stamens ca. 1.2 mm. Disk very shallow, acutely 5-toothed. Pistil 1–1.2 mm; ovary ovoid, glabrous; style shorter than ovary. Drupe compressed-globose, 7–8 mm in diam.; endocarp subrounded, slightly oblique, irregularly distinctly projecting, midrib prominent.

Forests; 1000–2000 m. Guizhou, Sichuan, SE Xizang, NW Yunnan [N India, N Myanmar, Nepal].


山檵叶泡花树 shan ye pao hua shu

Meliosma affinis Merrill; M. buchananifolia Merrill; M. henryi Diels subsp. mannii (Lace) Beusekom; M. henryi subsp. thorelii (Lecomte) Beusekom; M. mannii Lace.

Trees to 14 m tall, evergreen. Leaves simple; petiole 1.5–2 cm; leaf blade oblongate-elliptic or oblate-globose, 15–25 × 4–8 cm, leathery, abaxially glabrous or sparsely pubescent, vein axils crinate, lateral veins 15–22 pairs, nearly straight, arching-anastomosing near margin, attenuate 3/4 to base, margin entire or acutely serrate, apex acuminate. Panicle terminal or axillary on apical branches, erect, 15–18 cm; branches flattened, brownish pubescent. Pedicel short. Flowers aromatic, 2–25 mm long. Sepals 5, ovate, 0.6–0.8 mm, apex obtuse, ciliate. Petals white or yellowish white: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 2 mm; 2 inner ones narrowly lanceolate, shorter than outer ones, margin entire. Fertile stamens ca. 1.3 mm. Pistil ca. 1.6 mm; style shorter than ovary, slightly oblique, 6–9 mm in diam.; endocarp subglobose, convex, with sparse, scattered netlike strips, midrib inconspicuously projecting. Fl. summer, fr. Oct–Nov.

**单叶泡花树** dan ye pao hua shu  
*M. simplicifolia* (Roxburgh) Walpers  

Trees to 20 m tall, evergreen. Branchlets, petioles, and adaxial midveins on leaves brownish pubescent early. Leaves simple, usually clustered terminally; petiole 1.5–2.5 cm, broadly grooved; leaf blade ovate or obovate-oblong, 15–40 × 5–15 cm, papery, adaxially glabrous, vein axes crinate, lateral veins 15–20 pairs, arched-anastomosing near margin, reticulate veins slender and conspicuous, attenuate 2/3 to base, margin entire, sometimes serrulate, apex acute or shortly caudate. Panicle terminal, 10–40 cm, branched 3(or) 4 times, axis nearly triangular. Flowers ca. 2 mm in diam., subsessile. Sepals (4 or)5, ovate- triangular, pubescent and ciliate. Petals white or yellowish white: 3 outer ones suborbicular; 2 inner ones ca. 0.7 mm, slightly shorter than stamens, deeply bifid at an angle; lobes narrow, shortly ciliate. Ovary glabrous; style equal or shorter than ovary. Drupe globose, 3.5–6 mm in diam.; endocarp compressed-globose, with sparse, scattered netlike strips, triangular adaxially, midrib distinct. Fl. Jan–Feb, fr. Apr–May.  

Evergreen broad-leaved forests; 1200–2000 m. SE Xizang, W Yunnan [Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, N Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand].


**疏枝泡花树** shu zhi pao hua shu  
*M. longipes* Merril  

Shrubs or small trees, ca. 1 m tall or more, evergreen. Branchlets glabrous. Leaves simple, usually clustering terminally; petiole 3–5(–10) cm, shallowly grooved; leaf blade abaxially pale green turning grayish brown when dried, adaxially deep green turning brown when dried, narrowly obovate or oblanceolate, rarely narrowly elliptic, 15–25 × 4–9 cm, subleathery, midvein and lateral veins concave and sparsely pubescent, lateral veins 15–18 pairs, ascending, anastomosing, reticulate veins sparse, base acute to cuneate, margin entire, apex acute to acuminate or cuspidate. Panicle terminal or axillary on apical branches, 10–200 cm, sparsely branched, slightly pubescent. Pedicel 1–1.5(–3) mm, sometimes flowers sessile. Drupe subglobose or obovoid, 8–10 mm in diam.; fruiting pedicel 2–3 mm, stout, puberulent; endocarp subglobose, somewhat oblique, convex, with sparse, scattered netlike strips, midrib distinctly projecting. Fl. summer, fr. Aug–Sep.  

Wet subtropical jungles, evergreen broad-leaved forests; below 1200 m. SW Guangdong, Guangxi, Yunnan [Vietnam].


**樟叶泡花树** zhang ye pao hua shu  
*M. squamulata* Hance  

Trees small, ca. 3 m tall, evergreen. Leaves simple; petiole
1–2 cm, pubescent; leaf blade adaxially dark green and nitid, lanceolate or narrowly elliptic, 7–12 × 1.5–3.5 cm, leathery, both surfaces glabrous except pubescent on midvein early, lateral veins 5–9 pairs, slender, ascending, anastomosing, reticulate veins dense, base narrowly cuneate, margin entire, apex acuminate. Panicle usually terminal, sometimes axillary, 10–20 cm, branched 2 (or 3) times; branches straight, pubescent. Pedicel 1–4 mm. Flowers ca. 2 mm in diam. Sepals elliptic-ovate, ca. 1 mm, apex obtuse, ciliate. Petals: 3 outer ones flat-orbicular, ca. 2 mm wide; 2 inner ones ovate-elliptic, slightly longer than fertile stamens, entire. Disk shallow, 5-lobed. Pistil 1.2–2 mm; ovary glabrous; style slightly longer than ovary. Drupe obovoid, 7–8 mm in diam.; endocarp subglobose, slightly oblique, 4–5 mm in diam., convex, without or with inconspicuous, scattered netlike strips, midrib extremely inconspicuous. Fl. summer, fr. Sep–Oct.

- Evergreen broad-leaved forests; 700–1400 m. N and SW Guangxi, Guizhou, W Hubei, E Sichuan, C and S Yunnan.

15. Meliosma callicarpifolia Hayata, Icon. Pl. Formosan. 3: 68. 1913 ['“callicarpifolia”'].

紫珠叶泡花树 zi zhu ye pao hua shu

Trees small, evergreen. Bark smooth; young branches, petioles, and abaxial midveins of leaves, inflorescences brownish lanuginous. Leaves simple; petiole 1–3 cm; leaf blade abaxially grayish green, adaxially dark green and nitid, oblanceolate or narrowly elliptic, 10–16 × 3–5 cm, papery, abaxially glabrous except vein axes crinate, adaxially glabrous except on midvein, lateral veins 6–10 pairs, slender and slightly ascending, anastomosing near margin, base narrowly cuneate, margin entire or undulate, apex acuminate. Panicle terminal, 10–13 × 7–8 cm, branched 3 (or 4) times. Flowers 1–1.5 mm in diam., with 2 small bracts at base. Sepals 4, broadly ovate, ca. 1.2 mm, ciliate. Petals: 3 outer ones broadly ovate, ca. 1.5 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones ca. 0.7 mm, bifid to middle at a sharp angle; lobes lanceolate. Fertile stamens ca. 0.8 mm. Ovary glabrous; style equal to ovary. Drupe black, globose, 3–5 mm in diam.; endocarp elliptic-globose, convex, with coarse, scattered netlike strips, midrib distinctly prominent. Fl. summer, fr. autumn.

- Forests; ca. 2400 m. C Taiwan.

Beusekom (Blumea 19: 355–529. 1971) treated this taxon as a synonym of Meliosma simplicifolia subsp. fruticosa (Blume) Beusekom.


华南泡花树 hua nan pao hua shu

Meliosma laui var. megaphylla H. W. Li ex S. K. Chen; M. simplicifolia ( Roxburgh) Walpers subsp. laui (Merrill) Beusekom.

Trees small, to 7 m tall, evergreen. Buds, young branches, abaxial surface of leaves, petioles, inflorescences, and outsides of sepals densely brownish lanuginous; branchlets light gray, shallowly grooved. Leaves simple; petiole 1–4 cm; leaf blade elliptic, elliptic-ovate, or oblanceolate, 7–14 × (25) × 2.5–5.5 (–9) cm, leathery, adaxially subglabrous except on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 9–13 pairs, anastomosing near margin, base cuneate or rounded, margin entire, apex acuminate, with a sharp tip. Panicle terminal, 15–25 cm, elongating, branched 3 times, lateral branches explanate. Flowers aromatic, dense on tertiary branches, ca. 3 mm in diam., sessile. Sepals 5, ovate, ca. 2 mm. Petals yellow: 3 outer ones broadly ovate, ca. 3 mm; 2 inner ones ca. 0.7 mm, bifid nearly to half at an acute angle, apex ciliate. Stamens ca. 1 mm; filaments of fertile stamens equal to inner petals; anthers broader than long; connectives enlarged, peltate. Pistil ca. 1.5 mm; ovary 1.5–2 × shorter than style, glabrous. Drupe obovoid or subglobose, 8–12 mm in diam.; endocarp slightly laterally flattened, with coarse, scattered netlike strips, midrib sharply prominent. Fl. Mar–Apr, fr. Jul–Aug.

- Forests; 600–800 m. Guangdong, SW Guangxi, SE Hainan, Yunnan [Vietnam].


毛泡花树 mao pao hua shu

Meliosma costata Cufodontis.

Trees to 10 m tall, evergreen. Branches of current year, buds, petioles, abaxial midveins of leaves, inflorescences brownish lanuginous. Leaves simple; petiole 1.2–2.5 cm, stout; leaf blade oblanceolate or obovate, 9–17(–26) × 2.5–4.5 (–9) cm, papery or membranous, abaxially pilose, adaxially persistently sparsely pilose on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 15–25 pairs, ascending, anastomosing near margin, attenuate 2/3 downward to base, margin entire or serrate near apex, apex acuminate. Panicle terminal, 20–26 × 15–20 cm, branched (2 or) 3 times. Flowers 3–3.5 mm in diam., subsessile. Sepals 5, ovate, 1–1.2 mm, outer ones smaller, pubescent, ciliate. Petals white: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 2 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones ca. 0.8 mm, 2-lobed; lobes triangular, ciliate near apex. Fertile stamens ca. 1.5 mm. Disk shallowly cup-shaped, dentate. Pistil ca. 1.7 mm; ovary ovoid, glabrous. Fruit unknown. Fl. Apr–May, fr. unknown.

- Broad-leaved forests; 500–1500 m. N Guangdong, Guangxi, S Yunnan [Vietnam].

Beusekom (Blumea 19: 355–529. 1971) treated this taxon as a synonym of Meliosma simplicifolia.


笔子叶 bi luo zi

Trees to 7 m tall, evergreen. Buds, young branches, abaxial midveins, and inflorescences ferruginous lanuginous, pilose, or tomentose, pubescence persistent after 2 or 3 years. Leaves simple; petiole 1.5–4 cm; leaf blade oblanceolate or narrowly obovate, 8–25 × 2.5–4.5 cm, leathery, abaxially ferruginous pubescent, sparsely pilose, or densely tomentose, adaxially glabrous except on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 9–18 pairs, base attenuate from 1/3 or 1/2 downward to base, margin coarsely serrate, sometimes entire, apex acuminate or caudate-acuminate. Panicle terminal, 10–30 cm; axis erect, triangular, branched 3 times. Pedicel ca. 2 mm. Flowers dense on tertiary branches, (2–)3–4 mm in diam. Sepals 4 or 5, ovate or subor-
biculciliar, 1–1.5 mm, pubescent at abaxial base, ciliate. Petals: 3 outer ones white or light yellow, suborbicular, 2–2.5 mm; 2 inner ones bifid to half at an acute angle; lobes acute, apex ciliate. Fertile stamens 1.2–1.5 mm. Ovary glabrous; style ca. 2 × as long as ovary. Drupe globose, 5–8 mm; endocarp oblique, convex, with scattered netlike strips, midrib slightly prominent. Fl. summer, fr. Sep–Oct.

Broad-leaved forests, mountain forests; below 1500 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Taiwan, S Yunnan, Zhejiang [Japan, Laos, Philippines, S Vietnam].

The hard wood is used for walking sticks, and the seeds for oil.

1a. Abaxial surface of leaf blade and inflorescences sparsely pilose .......................... 18a. var. rigida
1b. Abaxial surface of leaf blade and inflorescences densely tomentose .......... 18b. var. pannosa

18a. Meliosma rigida var. rigida


19a. Meliosma fordii var. fordii

19b. Meliosma fordii var. sinii

Trees to 10 m tall, evergreen. Bark gray; branchlets, petioles, abaxial surface of leaf blade, and inflorescences brownish pubescent. Leaves simple; petiole 1.5–3.5 cm, sparsely pubescent; leaf blade adaxially nitid, ob lanceolate to lanceolate, or narrowly obovate to narrowly elliptic, 9–18(–25) × 2.5–5(–8) cm, subleathery, adaxially pubescent on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 11–20 pairs, base narrowly cuneate, elongated, margin entire or somewhat serrate near apex, apex acuminate, rarely obtuse. Panicle terminal or subterminal, 10–40 cm, broad, branched 3 or 4(or 5) times. Pedicel 1–1.5 mm or flowers subsessile. Flowers 1–1.5 mm in diam. Sepals 4(or 5), broadly ovate, ca. 0.5 mm, abaxially sparsely pubescent, ciliate. Petals: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 1.5 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones ca. 0.5 mm, bifid to half at an obtuse angle; lobes linear. Stamens ca. 0.7 mm. Pistil ca. 0.8 mm; ovary glabrous; style equal to ovary. Drupe subglobose or compressed-globose, 3–5 mm in diam.; endocarp convex, with distinct, scattered netlike strips, midrib prominent. Fl. May–Jul, fr. Aug–Oct.

Evergreen tropical and subtropical forests, forested ravines; below 1000 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hainan, S Hunan, S Yunnan, Zhejiang [Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam].

This species is used medicinally.

1a. Young branches, petioles, abaxial surface of leaf blade, and inflorescences sparsely pubescent; leaf blade ob lanceolate or lanceolate ................................................. 19a. var. fordii
1b. Young branches, petioles, abaxial surface of leaf blade, and inflorescences densely pubescent; leaf blade narrowly obovate or narrowly elliptic ................................................. 19b. var. sinii


Trees to 30 m tall, evergreen. Bark gray; young branches sparsely pubescent. Leaves simple; petiole 6–10 mm, base enlarged, densely short lanuginous and persistently pubescent;
when old; leaf blade narrowly obovate-elliptic, obovate-lanceolate, or oblanceolate, 4–15 × 2–6 cm, leathery, sparsely pubescent abaxially and crinate at vein axils, lateral veins 6–10 pairs, ascending to margin, attenuate from lower 2/3 to base, narrowly cuneate, margin sparsely spinoce-serrate from middle to apex, apex cuspidate to caudate. Panicle terminal or axillary at apices of branches, 4–10 cm, narrow, branched 2 (or 3) times, yellowish pubescent; bracts lanceolace, pubescent. Flowers 3–4 mm in diam., subsessile. Sepals 5, suborbicular, 2.2–2.3 mm in diam., ciliate. Petals white or pale yellow; 3 outer ones suborbicular, 2.2–2.5 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones equal to fertile stamens, bifid; lobes ovate, ciliate. Fertile stamens ca. 2 mm. Pistil 2–2.5 mm; ovary glabrous; style slightly longer than ovary or slightly longer. Disk cup-shaped, ca. 1/2 as long as ovary, 5-toothed. Drupe subglobose, somewhat compressed, 3.5–5 mm in diam.; endocarp compressed-globose, with coarse, scattered netlike strips, midrib slightly prominent. Fl. summer, fr. Aug–Oct.

Evergreen broad-leaved forests; below 1800 m. Fujian, N Guangdong, NE Guangxi, E Guizhou, S and W Hunan, E Jiangxi, C and N Taiwan, SW Zhejiang [Japan (Ryukyu Islands)].

1a. Leaflet blade abaxially with lateral vein axils not crinate ..................... 22a. var. rhoifolia
1b. Leaflet blade abaxially with lateral vein axils yellowish crinate .................. 22b. var. barbulata

22. Meliosma rhoifolia var. rhoifolia

漆叶泡花树（原变种）qi ye pao hua shu (yuan bian zhong)

Leaflet blade abaxially with lateral vein axils not crinate.

Evergreen broad-leaved forests; below 1800 m. C and N Taiwan [Japan (Ryukyu Islands)].

22b. Meliosma rhoifolia var. barbulata (Cufodontis) Beusekom

腋毛泡花树 ye mao pao hua shu


Leaflet blade abaxially pale, lateral veins 6–9 pairs, axils yellowish crinate.

● Evergreen broad-leaved forests; 400–1100 m. Fujian, N Guangdong, NE Guangxi, E Guizhou, S and W Hunan, E Jiangxi, SW Zhejiang.


羽叶泡花树 yu ye pao hua shu

Millingtonia pinnata Roxburgh, Fl. Ind. 1: 103. 1820.

Trees to 15 m tall, evergreen or deciduous. Leaves odd pinnate; leaflets 11–25, lanceolate on lower axis, lanceolate or narrowly oblong on mid-axis, terminal one suboblanceolate, 7–17 × 2–4 cm, papery or subleathery, both surfaces nearly glabrous, lateral veins 10–14 pairs, somewhat ascending, arched-anastomosing 2–5 mm from margin, base cuneate or broadly cuneate, margin sparsely serrate or nearly entire, apex caudate-acuminate. Panicle erect, 10.5–(70) cm, pubescent, axis long and stiff, triangular, broadly and sparsely branched. Sepals 5, broadly ovate, 6–8 mm, 2 outer ones narrower. Petals: 3 outer ones suborbicular; 2 inner ones bifid to half. Ovary glabrous. Drupe globose or obvoid, 4–5 mm in diam.; endocarp globose,

Evergreen broad-leaved forests; 1000–1500 m. S Xizang [Bangladesh, Bhutan, NE India, N Myanmar].


南亚泡花树 nan ya pao hua shu

Millingtonia arnottiana Wight, Ill. Ind. Bot. 1: 144. 1840, based on Sapindus microcarpus Wight & Arnott, Prodr. Fl. Ind. Orient. 1: 112. 1834, not Ruiz & Pavón (1804); Meliosma pin nata (Roxburgh) Maximowicz subsp. arnottiana (Wight) Beusekom; M. pinnata var. arnottiana (Wight) Beusekom; M. wal lichi Wallich ex J. D. Hooker.

Trees to 20 m tall, evergreen. Branchlets brown. Leaf axes, abaxial surface of leaves, and inflorescences sparsely curved pubescent or lanuginous. Leaves odd pinnate; petiolule 15–30 mm; leaflets 7–15, ovate on lower axis, oblong-ovate or narrowly oblong-elliptic at middle, narrowly elliptic at apices, 6–14(–17) × 2.5–4(–5.5) cm, subleathery, abaxially plicate or lanuginose, lateral veins 5–10 pairs, ascending, anastomosing 2–6 mm from margin, cinere at vein axes, base rounded or broadly cuneate, margin entire or spinously serrate along upper margin, apex caudate-acuminate, tip usually curved. Panicle terminal or axillary by upper leaf of branches, 15–25 cm, axis triangular, branched 3 times, lateral branches flat. Pedicel 1–1.5 mm, pubescent. Sepals 5, ovate or suborbicular, ca. 1 mm, outer one narrower, ciliate. Petals light yellow: 3 outer ones flattened orbicular or orbicular, ca. 2 mm in diam.; 2 inner petals equal or slightly shorter than filaments, bifid to half at an obtuse angle, toothed at middle, lateral lobes ovate, ciliate. Stamens ca. 1 mm. Pistil ca. 1.3 mm; ovary pubescent; style equal to ovary. Drupe obovoid, 4–7 mm; endocarp convex, with coarse, scattered netlike strips, midrib obscurely prominent. Fl. May–Jul, fr. Aug–Oct.

Evergreen broad-leaved forests on mountain slopes, valleys; 500–2000 m. S Guangxi, Xizang, S Yunnan [India, Indonesia, Japan, S Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam].


红柴枝 hong chai zhi

Trees to 16 m tall, deciduous. Young branches light red, pubescent. Leaves odd pinnate, 12–50 cm; leaflets 7–15, abaxially pale, adaxially dark green, ovate on lower axes, narrowly ovate or narrowly oblong at middle, narrowly elliptic at apices, 4–15 × 1.5–4.5 cm, papery, abaxially plicate on veins, adaxially glabrous except on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 6–15 pairs, ascending, anastomosing 3–5 mm from margin, cinere on vein axes, base usually broadly rounded, margin spinose-ser rate, apex acuminate. Panicle terminal or axillary at apices of branches, 15–20 cm, axis triangular, branched 3 times, brown pubescent. Pedicel ca. 1 mm. Flowers ca. 3 mm in diam. Sepals 5, elliptic-ovate, 1–1.2 mm, 2 outer ones smaller, pubescent abaxially, ciliate. Petals yellow: 3 outer ones flat-orbicular, ca. 2.5 mm wide, 5–7 veins distinct; 2 inner ones subequal to filaments, 3-lobed, midlobe very small, lateral lobes ovate, ciliate. Fertile stamens 1.2–1.5 mm. Pistil ca. 1.5 mm; ovary pubescent; style equal to ovary. Drupe globose, 3–5 mm in diam., convex, with coarse, scattered netlike strips, midrib obscurely prominent. Fl. Jun–Jul, fr. Aug–Oct.

● Forests; 900–2000 m. S Sichuan, Yunnan.


腺毛泡花树 xian mao pao hua shu

Trees to 15 m tall, evergreen. Branchlets dark brown, glabrous. Leaves odd pinnate, ca. 40 cm; leaflets 7–9, abaxially pale, adaxially black-brown when dry, ovate on lower axis, ovate or oblong-ovate at middle, elliptic terminally, 5–12 × 1.5–4 cm, rarely to 25 cm, subleathery, abaxially scattered with claviform glands, pubescent along veins, cinere on vein axes, adaxially hispidulous on midvein and lateral veins, lateral veins 6–10 pairs, straight or slightly ascending, base broadly cuneate or rounded-obtuse, oblique, margin sparsely serrulate on upper 1/3, apex shortly acuminate. Panicle terminal, 15–24 cm, axis triangular, branched 3 times, lateral branches flat, brown pubescent. Flowers ca. 2 mm in diam., sessile. Sepals 5, ovate, ca. 1 mm, margin glandulose, apex obtuse. Petals: 3 outer ones light green, broadly ovate, ca. 2 mm; 2 inner ones shorter than filaments, bifid to half, lobes ovate, ciliate. Ovary densely pubescent, shorter than style. Drupe globose, 4–5 mm in diam.; endocarp compressed-globose, with scattered netlike strips, midrib distinctly prominent. Fl. summer, fr. Aug–Oct.

● Evergreen broad-leaved forests in mountains; 400–1400 m. N Guangdong, E Guangxi, SC Guizhou.


红柴枝 hong chai zhi

Trees to 20 m tall, deciduous. Axillary buds globose or compressed-globose, densely light brownish pubescent. Leaves odd pinnate, 15–30 cm, axis, petiolules and both surfaces of leaflets brownish pubescent; leaflets 7–15, ovate on lower axis, 3–5 cm, oblong-ovate or narrowly ovate at middle, terminal one obovate or oblong-obovate, 5.5–8(–10) × 2–3.5 cm, thinly papery, abaxially pubescent or subglabrous, adaxially shortly pubescent, lateral veins 7 or 8 pairs, ascending, arched-anastomosing near margin, cinere at vein axes, base rounded or broadly or narrowly cuneate, margin sparsely acutely serrate, apex acute or acute-acuminate. Panicle terminal, erect, 15–30 cm long and wide, branched 3 times, brownish pubescent. Pedicel 1–1.5 mm. Sepals 5, elliptic-ovate, ca. 1 mm, outer ones narrower, ciliate. Petals white: 3 outer ones suborbicular, ca. 2 mm in diam.; 2 inner ones slightly shorter than filaments, bifid to half, sometimes 3-lobed and middle one very small, lateral lobes narrowly obovate, ciliate. Fertile stamens ca. 1.5 mm. Ovary equal to style, yellow pubescent. Drupe globose, 4–5 mm in diam.; endocarp convex, with distinct, scattered netlike strips, midrib conspicuously prominent. Fl. May–Jun, fr. Aug–Sep.

Valley forests, mountain forests, humid mountain slopes; 300–1900 m. Anhui, Fujian, N Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan,
Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, S Shaanxi, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Japan, S Korea].

1a. Leaflets abaxially densely or sparsely pubescent or subglabrous ....................... 27a. var. oldhamii
1b. Leaflets sparsely shortly claviform-glandulous ....................... 27b. var. glandulifera

27a. Meliosma oldhamii var. oldhamii

红柴枝(原变种) hong chai zhi (yuan bian zhong)

Meliosma arnottiana (Wight) Walpers var. oldhamii (Maximowicz) H. Ohba; M. glandulosa Cufodontis var. sinensis Cufodontis; M. oldhamii var. sinensis (Nakai) Cufodontis; M. pinnata (Roxburgh) Maximowicz var. oldhamii (Maximowicz) Beusekom; M. sinensis Nakai; Rhus bofillii H. Léveillé.

Leaflets densely or sparsely pubescent or subglabrous abaxially.

Valley forests, humid mountain slopes; 300–1300 m. Anhui, Fujian, N Guangdong, NE Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, S Shaanxi, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Japan, S Korea].


有腺泡花树 you xian pao hua shu

Leaflets sparsely shortly claviform-glandulous.

● Mountain forests; 1200–1900 m. Anhui, Guangxi, Hunan, Jiangxi.


珂南树 ke nan shu


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暖木 nuan mu

Meliosma longicalyx Lecomte.

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