ONAGRACEAE

柳叶菜科 liu ye cai ke

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Annual or perennial herbs, or shrubs, rarely trees to 30 m tall, often with epidermal oil cells, usually with internal phloem. Leaves simple, spirally arranged, opposite, or occasionally whorled, entire or toothed to pinnatifid; stipules present and usually caducous, or absent. Flowers perfect and hermaphroditic or occasionally unisexual, actinomorphic or zygomorphic, (2–)4–(7)-merous, axillary, in leafy spikes or racemes or solitary, or occasionally in panicles, all but Ludwigia with distinct floral tube, nectariferous. Sepals green or colored, valvate. Petals as many as sepals or rarely absent, variously colored, imbricate or convolute and occasionally clawed. Stamens as many as sepals in one series or 2 × as many as sepals in 2 series [in Lopezia Cavanilles reduced to 2 or 1 plus 1 sterile staminode]; anthers versatile or basifixed, dithecal, sometimes cross-partitioned, opening by longitudinal slits; pollen grains almost always united by viscin threads, shed as monads, tetrads, or polyads. Ovary inferior, with as many carpels and locules as sepals, sepsa sometimes thin or absent at maturity; placentation axile or parietal, ovules 1 to many per locule, in 1 or several rows or clustered, anatropous, bitegmic; style 1; stigma with as many lobes as sepals or clavate to globose. Fruit a loculicidal capsule or indehiscent nut or berry. Seeds small, smooth or variously sculptured, sometimes with a coma [or wing], with straight oily embryo, endosperm lacking.

Seventeen genera and ca. 650 species: widespread in temperate and subtropical areas, but best represented in W North America; six genera (two introduced), 64 species (11 endemic, 11 introduced), and five natural hybrids (two endemic) in China.

Onagraceae are a well-defined, monophyletic family in the order Myrtales, with a sister relationship to Lythraceae. Within the order Myrtales, the Onagraceae are distinguished by a number of features including (1) a distinctive 4-nucleate embryo sac; (2) abundant raphides in vegetative cells; (3) paracrystalline beaded pollen exetreme; and (4) pollen with viscin threads.

Some species of Oenothera are grown for the oil in their seeds, which contains gamma linolenic acid (GLA), used for medicinal purposes. Several species of Onagraceae are cultivated in China for their horticultural value, including species of Fuchsia Linnaeus (generally distinguished by having large, tubular, red or orange flowers and fleshy berries) and Clarkia Pursh (distinguished by having stigmas with commissural lobes with dry, unincapillar papillae, and dry, elongate capsules similar to those of Epilobium but lacking comas on the seeds). The most commonly cultivated Fuchsia is F. ×hybrida Hort. and the related F. magellanica Lamark in F. sect. Quelusia (Vandelli) Candolle from South America; F. triphylla Linnaeus, in F. sect. Fuchsia, from Hispaniola, is known from only one gathering in Fujian. Similarly, Clarkia amoena (Lehmann) A. Nelson & J. F. Macbride is widely cultivated in China, whereas C. pulchella Pursh is known from only one gathering in Xizang; both species are native to W North America. There are no naturalized species of either Clarkia or Fuchsia in China.


1a. Sepals with a coma of hairs; petals mostly rose-purple to white, never yellow.
1b. Sepals (3 or)4 or 5(–7); fruit not bristly with hooked hairs, dehiscent in most species.
2a. Seeds with a coma of hairs; petals mostly rose-purple to white, never yellow.
  3a. Leaves spirally arranged or alternate; floral tube absent; flowers slightly zygomorphic; petals entire; stamens subequal in a single whorl; stigma deeply 4-lobed .............. 3. Chamerion
  3b. Leaves opposite at least below inflorescence; floral tube present; flowers actinomorphic; petals cleft or emarginate; stamens in two unequal whorls; stigma entire or 4-lobed ................................ 4. Epilobium
2b. Seeds lacking a coma of hairs; petals mostly yellow, rarely rose-purple to white.
  4a. Sepals persistent after anthesis; floral tube not prolonged beyond ovary; flowers (3 or)4 or 5(–7)-merous .... 1. Ludwigia
  4b. Sepals deciduous after anthesis (often with floral tube); floral tube prolonged, often well beyond ovary; flowers (3 or)4-merous.
  5a. Fruit a dehiscent, many seeded capsule ................................................................. 5. Oenothera
  5b. Fruit a nutlike, hard, indehiscent, 1–4-seeded capsule ................................................ 6. Gaura


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Ludwigia is distinctive within the family, and morphological, anatomical, and molecular evidence indicates that it is the sister group to the remainder of the family. Historically, plants of this affinity with stamen number equal to sepal number were Ludwigia, and those with stamens twice as many as sepal were Jussiaea, but Raven and others demonstrated reticulate variation in this character, and treated the two groups as a single genus. Polyploidy and autogamy are important evolutionary phenomena within the genus.

Herbs slender, erect to prostrate and rooting at nodes, or shrubs or rarely small trees; underwater parts often swollen and spongy or with inflated white spongy pneumatophores. Leaves alternate [or opposite], usually entire; stipules present, reduced and/or deciduous; bracteoles 2, at or near base of ovary, or absent. Flowers perfect, actinomorphic, in upper leaf axils or in spikes, racemes, or clusters; floral tube not prolonged beyond ovary. Sepals (3 or)4 or 5(-7), green, persistent after anthesis. Petals as many as sepal or absent, yellow or white, caducous. Stamens as many as or 2 × as many as sepals; anthers versatile or sometimes basifixed; pollen shed singly or in tetra- or polyads. Ovary with as many locules as sepals, rarely more, apex flat or conic, often with a depressed nectary surrounding base of each epipetalous stamen; stigma capitulate or hemispheric, entire or lobed, upper 1/2–2/3 receptive. Fruit an obovoid to cylindrical capsule, dehiscent irregularly or by a terminal pore or by flaps separating from valvelike apex. Seeds numerous, in one to several rows per locule, free or embedded in powdery or woody endocarp, raphe small or conspicuous, sometimes equal in size to body of seed.  

Eighty-two species: cosmopolitan, on all continents except Antarctica; nine species (one endemic) in China.

1a. Sepals 5–12 mm; petals 6–18 mm.

2a. Sepals 4; stems densely villous-hairy or rarely puberulous; pedicels 1–10 mm; seeds free, with inflated raphe equal in size to body of seed; pollen in tetraads ...................................................................................................... 1. L. octovalvis

2b. Sepals 5; stems subglabrous or rarely villous-hairy; pedicels 15–65 mm; seeds embedded in endocarp (sterile in L. ×taiwanensis), with inconspicuous raphe; pollen in monads.

3a. Petals creamy-white with yellow base; plants with erect clusters of short, spindly-shaped pneumatomphres at nodes of floating branches ........................................................................................................ 6. L. adscendens

3b. Petals yellow throughout; plants often lacking pneumatomphres at nodes of floating branches or when present mainly long and found on submerged stems.

4a. Petals bright yellow; capsules fertile, 10–40 mm ..................................................................................... 7. L. peploides

4b. Petals pale yellow; capsules sterile and abortive ................................................................................. 8. L. ×taiwanensis

1b. Sepals 1–4.5 mm; petals 1–3 mm or absent.

5a. Plants prostrate or ascending, rooting at nodes; stems 20–45 cm; petals absent; capsules 3–5 mm, elongate-globose; seed raphe inconspicuous.

6a. Stamens 2 × as many as sepal; seeds in upper expanded capsule free, in 2+ rows per locule, 0.3–0.5 mm, seeds in lower capsule embedded in endocarp, in one row per locule, 0.7–0.9 mm ....................................................... 5. L. hyssopifolia

6b. Stamens as many as sepal, rarely more; seeds all free or all embedded throughout capsules, not mixed in arrangement or size.

7a. Seeds 0.8–1.4 mm, embedded in endocarp; pollen in monads .............................................................. 4. L. epilobioides

7b. Seeds 0.3–0.6 mm, free, not embedded in endocarp; pollen in tetraads.

8a. Sepals 4 or 5; capsules obovate to subglobose, 2.5–5 mm thick, terete; seeds 0.3–0.5 mm; in 2+ rows or clusters per locule, not outlined through smooth capsule wall ....................................................... 2. L. perennis

8b. Sepals 4; capsules narrowly cylindric, 1–2 mm thick, somewhat 4-angled; seeds 0.5–0.6 mm; in 1 row per locule, clearly outlined through capsule wall ....................................................... 3. L. prostrata


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Oenothera octovalvis Jacquin, Enum. Syst. Pl. 19. 1760; Jussiaea angustifolia Lamarck; J. octonervia Lamarck; J. octonervia f. sessiliflora Micheli; J. octovalvis (Jacquin) Swartz; J. pubescens Linnaeus; J. suffruticosa Linnaeus; J. suffruticosa f. angustifolia (Lamarck) Alston; J. suffruticosa var. subglobose Thwaites ex Trimen; J. suffruticosa f. villosa (Lamarck) Alston; J. villosa Lamarck; Ludwigia octovalvis subsp. sessiliflora (Micheli) P. H. Raven; L. pubescens (Linnaeus) H. Harra.

Herbs robust, erect, perennial, sometimes woody at base or even shrubby. Stems 25–400 cm tall, well-branched, densely spreading pubescent at least on upper stem, or puberulous or subglabrous. Petiole 1–10 mm; leaf blade linear to subovate, 14 × 0.3–4 cm, lateral veins 11–20 per side, submarginal vein prominent, base narrowly or broadly cuneate, apex attenuate. Sepals 4, ovate or lanceolate, 6–15 mm. Petals yellow, broadly obovate, 6–17 × 5–17 mm. Stamens 8; filaments 1–4 mm; anthers 1.2–4 mm; pollen in tetraads. Style 1.5–3.5 mm; stigma subglobose, shallowly 4-lobed. Capsule pale brown with 8 darker ribs, cylindric, terete, 1.7–4.5 cm, 2–8 mm in diam., thinly walled, readily and irregularly loculicidal; pedicel 1–10 mm. Seeds in 2 or more rows per locule, free, brown, 0.6–0.75 mm, raphe inflated and equal in size to seed body, evenly transversely ridged. Fl. and fr. Jan–Dec. 2n = 32, 48*.

Moist to wet places along streams, ponds, or lakes, often on disturbed and/or cultivated sites, common and widespread; near sea level to 2200 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hainan, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, E Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [India, Japan, Malaysia,
Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam; widespread throughout Africa, S, SE, and SW Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, Pacific islands, South America.

The pattern of variation in this cosmopolitan species is extremely complex and needs further careful analysis; in the absence of a more definitive treatment, we have abandoned the subspecies recognized by Raven (Reinwardtia 6: 327–427. 1963). The three other species recognized in Ludwigia sect. Macrocarpum (Micheli) H. Harra occur only in the Neotropics, as do most species in the presumably related L. sect. Myrtocarpus (Munz) H. Harra, which suggests that this widespread species may have arisen there and spread worldwide, presumably assisted by human activities.


细花丁香蓼 xi hua ding xiang liao

Ludwigia carophylla Lamarc.; J. perennis (Linnaeus) Brenan; Ludwigia carophylla (Lamarc) Merrill & F. P. Metcalf; L. parviflora Roxburgh.

Herbs erect, annual, with taproot. Stems 20–100 mm tall, branched, subglabrous or minutely puberulous on younger parts. Petiole 2–15 mm, winged; leaf blade narrowly elliptic to lanceolate, 1–11 × 0.3–2.7 cm, lateral veins 6–12 per side, submarginal vein inconspicuous, base narrowly cuneate, apex subacutate. Sepals 4, rarely 5, deltate, (1.3–)2–4.5 mm, glabrous or minutely puberulous. Petals yellow, elliptic, 1–3 × 0.7–2.7 mm. Stamens as many as sepals, or rarely more; filaments 0.3–0.7 mm; anthers 0.5–0.7 mm; pollen in tetrad. Style 0.8–1 mm; stigma globose.

Wet sites such as flood plains, roadside ditches, muddy wallows, abandoned rice paddies; near sea level to 1200 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Jiangxi, Taiwan, Yunnan [Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka; Africa (including Madagascar), SE and SW Asia, Australia, Pacific islands (New Caledonia)].

3. Ludwigia prostrata Roxburgh, Fl. Ind. 1: 441. 1820.

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Jussiaea prostrata (Roxburgh) H. Léveillé.

Herbs erect, annual or short-lived perennial. Stems often red tinged, 10–60 cm tall, often branched, subglabrous. Petiole 4–25 mm; leaf blade elliptic to narrowly elliptic, 1–13 × 0.3–2.7 cm, glabrous or with few hairs on veins, lateral veins 8–12 per side, submarginal vein inconspicuous, base narrowly cuneate, apex acute. Sepals 4, deltate, 1.3–2.5 mm, glabrous. Petals yellow, narrowly spatulate, 1.3–2.2 mm. Stamens as many as sepals; filaments 0.4–0.6 mm; anthers 0.3–0.4 mm; pollen in tetrad. Style 0.8–1 mm; stigma globose. Capsule light brown, suborbicular to subglobose, 3.8–2.4 mm in diam., thin-walled, ready and irregularly loculicidal, glabrous or puberulous, sessile or pedicel to 6 mm. Seeds in 2 or more rows per locule, free, brown with fine brown lines, 0.3–0.5 mm, raphe very narrow and inconspicuous. Fl. and fr. Jul–Nov. 2n = 16.

Wet sites such as rice paddies, flood plains, streamsides; near sea level to 800 m. Guangxi, Hainan, Yunnan [Bhutan, N India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka].


假柳叶菜 jia liu ye cai


Herbs erect, often stout, annual. Stems 15–130 cm tall, well-branched, subglabrous or finely puberulous. Petiole 15–15 mm; leaf blade narrowly elliptic to narrowly lanceolate, 1–10 × 0.4–2.5 cm, subglabrous or puberulous, lateral veins 8–13 per side, submarginal vein inconspicuous, base narrowly cuneate, apex acuminate. Sepals 4 or 5, rarely 6, deltate, 1.5–4.5 mm, puberulous. Petals yellow, obovate, 1.8–2 × 0.7–1.2 mm. Stamens as many as sepals; filaments 0.5–1.2 mm; anthers 0.4–0.7 mm; pollen in monads. Style 0.5–1.2 mm; stigma globose. Capsule light brown, suborbicular to subglobose, 3.8–2.4 mm in diam., puberulous, relatively thin-walled, wall often detachable at maturity, leaving columns of seeds attached to vascular strands; subseisilise. Seeds in 1 or 2 rows per locule, each locule loosely enclosed in a column of spongy, light brown endocarp that disintegrates easily into 1- or 2-seeded units, light brown with dark red-brown stripes, 0.8–1.4 mm, raphe inconspicuous. Fl. May–Aug, fr. Jun–Oct. 2n = 48.

Often common in low moist places such as paddy fields, ditches, steam banks; near sea level to 1600 m. Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hainan, Henan, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Heilongjiang, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Japan, Korea, Russia (Amur region), Vietnam].

The fine distinction found between typical Ludwigia epilobioides and subsp. greatrexi in Japan is not apparent in other material of this species. The two taxa are therefore not separated in this treatment.

Young shoots of this species are sometimes used to feed farm animals.


草龙 cao long

Jussiaea hyssopifolia G. Don, Gen. Hist. 2: 693. 1832; J. linifolia Vahl; J. micrantha Kunze; Ludwigia micrantha (Kunze) H. Harra.

Herbs erect, annual, sometimes woody at base and perennial, often in water and then with elongate pneumatophores on submerged branches. Stems 50–300 cm tall, branched, new growth and inflorescence minutely puberulous. Petiole 3–18 mm; leaf blade lanceolate, 2–9 × 0.5–2 cm, subglabrous or puberulous, lateral veins 7–15 per side, submarginal vein inconspicuous, base narrowly cuneate, apex acuminate. Sepals 4, lanceolate, 2.4 mm, finely puberulous. Petals yellow, fading to orange-yellow, elliptic, 2–3 × 1–2 mm. Stamens 2 as many as
sepal; anthers 0.4–0.6 mm; pollen in monads. Style 1–1.5 mm; stigma depressed-globose. Capsule cylindric, subterete, enlarged in upper 1/6–1/3, 1.5–3 cm, finely puberulous, relatively thinly walled; sub sessile. Seeds in infiltrated upper capsule in 2 or more rows per locule, free, pale brown, ovoid, 0.3–0.5 mm, raphe narrow; seeds in lower capsule in one row per locule, embedded in cube of relatively hard endocarp, brown, 0.7–0.9 mm, raphe ca. 1/3 width of seed. Fl. and fr. Jun–Feb. 2n = 16*.

Scattered to common in open wet often disturbed areas, stream sides, roadside ditches, clear agricultural land, or openings in moist forests; near sea level to 800 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Taiwan, Yunnan [Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam; widespread in Africa, SE Asia, Australia, Pacific islands, South America].

水龙 shuǐ lóng


Herbs perennial, with creeping or floating stems, rooting at nodes, with white, erect, short (1–3 cm), spindle-shaped pneumatophores in clusters at nodes of floating stems. Floating stems to 400 cm, terrestrial stems 20–60 cm, much branched, tips ascending, glabrous or densely villous. Petiole 5–20 mm; leaf blade oblong to spatulate-oblong, 0.4–7 × 0.7–3 cm, glabrous, lateral veins 6–13 per side, submarginal vein not prominent, base narrowly cuneate or attenuate, margin entire, apex obtuse to subacute. Sepals 5, deltoid-acuminate, 5–11 mm, glabrous or villous. Petals creamy-white with yellow base, obovate, 9–18 × 6–10 mm. Stamens 10; filaments white, 2.5–4 mm; anthers 0.7–1.8 mm; pollen in monads. Style white, 4–10 mm, glabrous, stigma discoid. Capsule light brown with dark brown ribs, cylindric, terete, 1.2–2.7 cm, 3–4 mm in diam., glabrous or villous, thickly walled, tardily and irregularly dehiscent; pedicel 1.5–5.5 cm. Seeds in one row per locule, firmly embedded in coherent cubes of woody endocarp fused to capsule wall, pale brown, 1.1–1.3 mm, raphe inconspicuous. Fl. May–Oct, fr. Jul–Nov. 2n = 16*.

Wet swampy areas, especially along rivers, ditches, and lakes, often in disturbed and/or cultivated areas; near sea level to 300 m. Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Zhejiang [Japan].

Ludwigia peploides subsp. peploides is native to the S United States through W and C South America to Argentina, and is introduced on some Pacific islands. Ludwigia peploides subsp. montevidensis (Sprengel) P. H. Raven is native to S Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile, and is introduced in the United States (California), as well as in France, Australia, and New Zealand.

台湾水龙 tai wān shuǐ lóng

Herbs perennial, with creeping or floating stems rooting at nodes, sometimes with white, erect, spindle-shaped pneumatophores in clusters at nodes of floating stems. Floating stems to 100 cm, terrestrial stems 20–60 cm, branched, ascending, glabrous. Petiole 5–30 mm; leaf blade narrowly elliptic to spatulate-oblong, 0.7–9.5 × 0.4–2.7 cm, glabrous, submarginal vein inconspicuous, base narrowly cuneate or attenuate, margin entire, apex rounded or obtuse. Sepals 5, narrowly triangular-lanceolate, 8–12 mm, glabrous to hirtellous. Petals pale yellow, broadly obovate, 1.3–1.8 cm × 9–12 mm. Stamens 10; filaments 2–3.5 mm; anthers shriveled, indehiscent; pollen in monads, abortive. Style 5–7 mm; stigma discoid; pedicels 1.5–6 cm. Capsules not maturing, falling soon after flowering. Seeds absent (sterile). Fl. May–Dec, fr. absent. 2n = 24*.

● Wet disturbed areas in drainage ditches, fallow and wet paddies, along river banks, swampy waste grounds, borders of ponds or reservoirs; near sea level to 500 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Hunan, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan.

This is the hybrid Ludwigia adscendens × L. peploides subsp. stipulacea.

These triploid (2n = 24) populations of natural hybrids between Ludwigia adscendens (n = 16) and L. peploides subsp. stipulacea (n = 8) are widespread in S China (Peng, Bot. Bull. Acad. Sin. 31: 343–349. 1990; Gu et al., Cathaya 3: 37–44. 1991). Plants of this complex are very plastic vegetatively and are best distinguished by reproductive features. The color of the petals is bright yellow in L. peploides subsp. stipulacea, white with a yellow base in L. adscendens, and pale yellow in the hybrid. Ludwigia ×taianwensis, which in the past was usually misidentified as L. peploides subsp. stipulacea, flowers profusely, but the ovary aborts and never matures as a ripe fruit. Although L. ×taianwensis
is highly sterile, it readily regenerates and establishes large colonies from fragments.


卵叶丁香蓼 luan ye ding xiang liao


Herbs delicate, perennial, creeping and rooting at nodes. Stems ascending, 20–45 cm tall, branched basally, subglabrous or finely puberulous. Petiole winged, to 7 mm; leaf blade ovate, 0.5–2.5 × 0.4–2 cm, glabrous, lateral veins 4–7 per side, submarginal vein absent, base abruptly attenuate, apex acute. Sepal 5, united and subtending ovary. Ovary locules 1 or 2; ovules 1 per locule; style equaling or longer than stamens, stigma 2-lobed. Fruit an indehiscent capsule, ellipsoid to ovoid-globose, with a floral tube. Sepals and petals alternate. Petals obcordate or obtrullate, notched at apex, white or pink. Stamens opposite sepals; nectary wholly within floral tube or elongated and projecting above opening of floral tube as a fleshy cylindric or ringlike disk. Ovary locules 1 or 2; ovules 1 per locule; style equaling or longer than stamens, stigma 2-lobed. Fruit an indehiscent capsule, with stiff uncinate hairs, with or without conspicuous rows of corky tissue. Seeds smooth, fusiform or broadly clavate to narrowly ovoid, adhering ± firmly to inner ovary. 2n = 22.

Eight species: temperate and boreal forests of the N hemisphere, from near sea level to 5000 m and from 10°–70° N; seven species (one endemic) and five natural hybrids (two endemic) in China.

Hybrids are common and often abundant in naturally disturbed habitats in Europe, Japan, and North America, but few gatherings of hybrids are known from China.

Ascherson and Magnus (Bot. Zeitung (Berlin) 28: 47–49, 745–787. 1870) divided *Circaea* into two groups, which they called “divisions,” based on the number of locules in the ovary. Included in their “*Uniloculares*” are *C. alpina* and *C. repens*, with all of the other species placed in “*Biloculares*.” These groups were later given sectional status by Steinberg (in Schischkin & Bobrov, Fl. URSS 15: 634. 1949). The single line of specialization, leading from the 2-loculed, outcrossing species to the 1-loculed, self-pollinating *C. alpina*, through the intermediate *C. repens*, represents a continuum that makes formal recognition of two infrageneric groups unwarranted.

Flowers, mature fruits, and carefully collected rhizomes are highly desirable to facilitate identification. The nature of the nectary is most easily determined in living plants.

1a. Locule of ovary and fruit 1; rhizomes terminated by a tuber.

2a. Petals notched to more than 1/2 their length, V-shaped; pedicels glandular pubescent; leaves with 9–15 secondary veins; combined length of mature fruit and pedicel 7.5–15 mm ....................................................... 6. *C. repens*

2b. Petals notched to 1/2 or less their length, obovate to obtriangular, ± cordate; pedicels glabrous; leaves with 4–10 secondary veins; combined length of mature fruit and pedicel 3.5–7.8 mm .............................................................. 7. *C. alpina*

1b. Locules of ovary and fruit 2; rhizomes without tubers.

3a. Nectary wholly included within floral tube, not projecting as a cylindrical or ringlike disk below opening of floral tube.

4a. Axis of inflorescence with glandular and nonglandular hairs; fruit obliquely thickly lenticular to flattened-pyriform, obliquely rounded to pedicel ........................................................................................................ 1. *C. cordata*

4b. Axis of inflorescence glabrous or with only glandular hairs; fruit obovoid to pyriform, not at all or only slightly flattened, tapering smoothly to pedicel .................................................................................. 2. *C. glabrescens*

3b. Nectary exserted beyond opening of floral tube, projecting as a ringlike or cylindrical fleshy disk above opening of floral tube.

5a. Petals oblurate, notched to 1/5 or less their length; axis of inflorescence and pedicels glabrous ..................... 5. *C. erubescens*

5b. Petals obovate to depressed broadly obovate, notched to 1/4 or more their length; axis of inflorescence and pedicels commonly pubescent; fruit with prominently thickened ribs, ribs separated by deep grooves (sulci).

6a. Stem pubescent, often densely so; leaves basally cuneate, rarely rounded; inflorescence with both glandular and falcate hairs ........................................................................................................... 3. *C. mollis*
6b. Stem glabrous or with sparse falcate hairs; leaves basally rounded to subcordate; inflorescence densely glandular pubescent, without falcate hairs


    *Circaea cardiophylla* Makino; *C. ×hybrida* Handel-Mazzetti; *C. kitagawae* H. Har.

    Plants 20–150 cm tall, pubescent, usually densely so, with long, soft, spreading hairs, soft, falcately recurved hairs, and capitate and clavately tipped glandular hairs. Rhizomes not tuberous. Leaves narrowly to broadly ovate, 4–13 × 2.3–11 cm, base broadly cuneate to broadly rounded or truncate or more commonly cordate, margin denticulate to subentire, apex short-base broadly cuneate to broadly rounded or truncate or more capitate and clavately tipped glandular hairs. Rhizomes not tuberous. Racemes simple or branched near base, 2–20 cm; flowering pedicels ± clustered and perpendicular to axis of raceme, pubescent, with a minute setaceous bracteole at base. Buds with few to many, long, straight or slightly curved, rarely raceme, pubescent, with a minute setaceous bracteole at base. Buds commonly pubescent, with a few, long, straight or slightly bent hairs, occasionally also with short uncinate hairs. Floral tube 0.6–1 mm. Sepals reflexed in flower, white or pale green, ovate to broadly so, 0.7–1.8 × 1–2.6 mm, apex abruptly slightly acuminate to obtuse or minutely mammiform. Petals white, broadly to broadly depressed-obovate, 1.6–2.9 × 1–1.5 mm, apex abruptly shortly acuminate to obtuse or minutely mammiform. Pedals spreading, shorter than to ca. as long as style; nectary wholly within floral tube and inconspicuous. Fruiting pedicel and mature fruit 4.4–7 mm. Fruit 3–3.9 × 1.8–3.3 mm, locules 2, obliquely ovoid to lenticular, abaxially flattened, base obliquely rounded or truncate to pedicel, with long, coryx thickenings along margins and between locules, without prominent sulci. Seed 1 per locule. Fl. Jun–Aug, fr. Jul–Sep. 2n = 22.*

- Deciduous forests; 700–2500 m. SE Gansu, W Hubei, C and S Shaanxi, SW Shanxi, N Sichuan, Taiwan.


    *Circaea coreana* H. Léveillé; *C. coreana var. sinensis* H. Léveillé; *C. luteitana* Linnaeus var. *taquetii* H. Léveillé.

    Plants 25–150 cm tall, pubescent with falcately recurved hairs. Rhizomes not tuberous. Leaves narrowly to broadly lanceolate to narrowly ovate, 3–16 × 2–5.5 cm, base cuneate or occasionally rounded, margin subentire to dentate, apex attenuate to slightly acuminate. Terminal raceme branched at base, rarely simple, 1.5–4 cm to ca. 20 cm; racemes at apex of axillary branches usually simple; flowering pedicel perpendicular to axis of raceme, without or rarely with a minute setaceous bracteole at base, commonly pubescent. Buds glabrous or pubescent with crisped, straight, capitulate and clavately tipped glandular hairs. Floral tube 0.5–1 mm. Sepals spreading or somewhat reflexed in flower, pale green or whitish, 1.6–2.9 × 1–1.5 mm, apex abruptly shortly acuminate to obtuse or minutely mammiform. Petals white, broadly to broadly depressed-ovate, 0.7–1.8 × 1–2.6 mm, apical notch 1/4–1/2 length of petal. Stamens normally spreading at anthesis, shorter than or occassionally equal to, rarely longer than, style; nectary conspicuous, exserted beyond floral tube. Pedicel and mature fruit 5–7 mm. Fruit narrowly to broadly pyriform or globose, 2.6–3.5 × 2–3.2 mm, with prominent ribs and deep sulci, tapering concavely and obliquely to pedicel; fruiting pedicel reflexed, often sharply so. Ovary locules 2. Seeds 2. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 22.*

- Deciduous forests; near sea level to ca. 2000 m. Anhui, Fujian, S Gansu, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jilin, Liaoning, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Cambodia, India (Assam), Japan, Korea, N Laos, N Myanmar, SE Russia, N Vietnam].


Siebold & Zuccarini var. maximowiczii H. Léveillé; C. quadrifoliolata (Maximowicz) Franchet & Savatier.

Plants 15–50 cm tall. Rhizomes not tuberous. Stem glabrous or rarely with sparse falcate hairs. Leaves narrowly to broadly ovate to oblong ovate, 4.5–12 × 2–5 cm, base rounded to subcordate, rarely broadly cuneate, margin denticulate, apex shortly to long acuminate. Racemes 2.5–30 cm, simple or branched at base. Flowering pedicels perpendicular to axis of raceme, with stipitate glandular hairs, without a bracteole at base. Floral tube 0.6–1 mm. Sepals reflexed, most commonly purple, 1.3–3.2 × 1–1.7 mm. Petals commonly pink, 1–2 × 1.4–2.5 mm, apical notch 1/3 to slightly more than 1/2 length of petal; nectary conspicuous, exserted beyond floral tube. Fruiting pedicel and mature fruit 5.3–8.5 mm. Fruit pyriform to subglobose, 2.2–3.8 × 1.8–3 mm, rounded, usually obliquely, to pedicel, with prominent ribs and deep sulci. Ovary locules 2. Seeds 2. Fl. Jun–Aug (–Sep), fr. Jul–Sep. 2n = 22.

Cool-temperate deciduous forests and mixed deciduous-boreal forests; near sea level to ca. 1500 m. Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Shandong [N Japan, Korea, Russia; E Europe from vicinity of Moscow across Siberia between 50°–60° N].

Molecular and morphological analyses indicate that Circaea lutetiana Linnaeus is a distinct species from C. canadensis. Circaea canadensis subsp. canadensis occurs in E North America.


谷蓼 gu lu zhu cao

_Circaea delavayi_ H. Léveillé; _C. kawakamii_ Hayata; _C. lutetiana_ Linnaeus race _erubescens_ (Franchet & Savatier) H. Léveillé.

Plants 10–120 cm tall, glabrous. Rhizomes not tuberous. Leaves lanceolate to ovate or occasionally broadly ovate, 2.5–10 × 1–6 cm, base broadly cuneate to rounded or truncate, rarely subcordate, margin denticulate, apex shortly acuminate. Terminal raceme simple or more commonly branched at base, 2–20 cm, flowering pedicel perpendicular to axis of raceme, without, less commonly with, a minute, setaceous bracteole at base, bracteole usually deciduous before maturation of fruit. Buds glabrous; floral tube 0.5–0.8 mm. Sepals reflexed in flower, reddish purple, oblong to lanceolate, 0.6–2.5 × 0.8–1.2 mm, abruptly acuminate. Petals pink, narrowly to broadly obovate or obovate, 0.8–1.7 × 0.7–1 mm, apical notch 1/10–1/5 length of petal; petal lobes minutely crenulate or with minute secondary lobes. Stamens shorter than style; nectary exserted beyond opening of floral tube. Fruit with pedicel and mature fruit 6–12 mm. Fruit obovate to broadly so, 1.7–3.2 × 1.2–2.1 mm, slightly flattened abaxially, tapering smoothly to pedicel, without prominent ribs or sulci, but with a narrow groove representing extension of pedicel. Ovary locules 2. Seeds 2. Fl. Jun–Sep, fr. Jul–Sep. 2n = 22.

Rocky stream beds and seepages, along trails and road banks and in rich alluvial woods in temperate broad-leaved forests; near sea level to 2500 m. Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Japan (except Ryukyu Islands), S Korea].


循循露珠草 _pu lu zhu cao_

_Circaea alpina_ Linnaeus var. _himalaica_ C. B. Clarke.

Plants 15–100 cm tall, pubescent with falcate hairs, inflorescence with capitulate and clavately tipped glandular hairs. Rhizomes with tuberous thickening at apex. Leaves narrowly to broadly ovate, rarely nearly orbicular, 1.8–9 × 1.5–5 cm, base rounded, broadly cuneate, or cordate, margin denticulate, apex acute to shortly acuminate. Inflorescence simple or branched, sometimes also with terminal racemes on upper axillary branches. Flowering pedicels perpendicular to axis of raceme or slightly ascending, with stipitate glandular hairs, without or with a minute bracteole at base. Buds sparsely pubescent, rarely glabrous; floral tube 0.4–0.8 mm. Sepals spreading to reflexed, white, green or reddish tinged, oblong to ovate, 1.8–2.5 × 1.1–1.5 mm, apex gradually rounded to obtuse or acute. Petals white or pink, broadly to narrowly obovate in outline, V-shaped, 1.4–2.3 × 1.3–2(–2.9) mm, apical notch 3/4 length of petal. Stamens ca. equal to or shorter than style; nectary inconspicuous, within floral tube. Fruit pedicel and mature fruit 7.5–15 mm. Fruit narrowly to broadly clavate, 3.5–4.2 × 0.9–1.6 mm, tapering smoothly to pedicel, without prominent ribs and deep sulci, but with a shallow groove representing an extension of pedicel; locule 1, but with trace of a second locule in cross-section. Seed 1. Fl. Jul–Oct, fr. Jul–Nov. 2n = 22.

Moist to wet forests, thickets, and open places; 1500–3300 m. W Hubei, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, N India, Bangladesh (one gathering), Nepal, Pakistan (one gathering)].

The fruit of _Circaea repens_ often shows a trace of a second locule in cross-section, but bears only a single seed. In many ways this species is intermediate between species with one and two locules.


高山露珠草 _gao shan lu zhu cao_

Plants 3–50 cm tall, glabrous or pubescent with short falcate hairs on stem and short glandular hairs in inflorescence. Rhizomes with tuberous thickening at apex. Leaves highly variably shaped from narrowly trullate or elliptic to nearly circular, 1–11 × 0.7–5.5(–8) cm, base narrowly cuneate to cordate, margin subentire to sharply serrate, apex acute to shortly acuminate. Terminal raceme 0.7–2 to 12(–17) cm. Flowering pedicels perpendicular to axis of raceme (in _C. alpina_ subsp. _caulosens_ and some plants of _subsp. angustifolia_) to ascending, with or without a minute setaceous bracteole at base. Buds glabrous, rarely glabrescent; floral tube ranging from nearly absent to 0.6 mm. Sepals, spreading or slightly reflexed, white or pink, occasionally purple tinged at apex, rarely purple throughout, oblong, ovate to broadly so, or triangular-ovate, 0.8–2 × 0.6–1.3 mm, glabrous, apex rounded to obtuse or minutely mammiform. Petals white, narrowly oboviate, obdeltoid, ovate to broadly so to depressed-ovobovate, 0.5–2 × 0.6–1.9 mm, apical notch essentially lacking or to 1/2 length of petal; petal lobes rounded to truncate, rarely somewhat crenulate (in _C. alpina_ subsp. _angustifolia_). Stamens erect or ascending, less commonly spreading, equaling or slightly longer than style; nectary wholly with-
in floral tube and inconspicuous. Fruiting pedicel and mature fruit 3.5–7.8 mm. Fruit clavate or obovoid, 1.6–2.7 × 0.5–1.2 mm, tapering smoothly to pedicel, locule 1, seed 1, without ribs or sulci, but pedicel extending as a shallow groove along upper surface. 2n = 22 (unknown in C. alpina subsp. micrantha).

Forests, thickets, grassy alpine areas, cool, moist, and wet places, on moss-covered rocks and logs; near sea level to 5000 m. Anhui, Gansu, Guizhou, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [NE Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Japan, NW Vietnam; circumboreal in forests between 30°–65° N, but restricted to high elevations at lower latitudes].

_Circaea alpina_ is a facultatively inbreeding complex of six subspecies, each exhibiting different geographic or ecological preferences but with areas of overlap between two or more subspecies in parts of their range. The subspecies form a reticulate pattern of morphologically intergrading populations, some of which are separated only by seemingly minute differences. Other subspecies, were it not for the numerous intermediate plants, appear so dissimilar that some might recognize them as separate species, as has often been done in the past. Five subspecies are in China.

1a. Inflorescences elongating as or before flowers open; flowers ± loosely spaced; lower flowering pedicels perpendicular to raceme axis at anthesis.

2a. Pedicels without a minute bracteole at base, or bracteole represented by a darkened gland; leaves ovate to broadly so, base rounded, truncate, or subcordate; hairs on fruit translucent ........... 7a. subsp. _caulescens_

2b. Pedicels with a minute bracteole at base; leaves elliptic to trullate or ovate, base narrowly to broadly cuneate; hairs on fruit containing purple pigment .................... 7b. subsp. _angustifolia_

1b. Inflorescences elongating after flowers open; flowers clustered and corymbose at summit of raceme; pedicels erect or ascending at anthesis.

3a. Stem glabrous.

4a. Ovary minutely pubescent at anthesis; petals conspicuously notched, notch 1/4–1/2 length of petal .............................. 7d. subsp. _alpina_

4b. Ovary glabrous at anthesis; petals emarginate or barely notched, notched less than 1/5 length of petal ...................... 7e. subsp. _micrantha_

3b. Stem pubescent, with at least a few, soft, falcate hairs.

5a. Leaves thin, pale green, translucent; ovary glabrous at anthesis; petals emarginate or barely notched ........... 7e. subsp. _micrantha_

5b. Leaves thick, deep green or reddish, opaque; ovary pubescent with hooked hairs at anthesis; petals clearly notched to ca. 1/2 their length.

6a. Leaves elliptic to trullate, base narrowly to broadly cuneate .......... 7b. subsp. _angustifolia_

6b. Leaves ovate, base rounded to subcordate, rarely broadly cuneate ............................. 7c. subsp. _imaicola_

7a. *Circaea alpina* subsp. _caulescens_ (Komarov) Tatewaki, Veg. Shikotan Is. 44. 1940.

深山露珠草  shen shan lu zhu cao


Plants 5–35 cm tall. Stem pubescent. Leaves opaque, ovate to broadly ovate to nearly deltoid, 1.2–4.5 × 0.6–3.5 cm, base rounded to truncate or cordate, margin shallowly to prominently dentate, apex acute to shortly acuminate. Inflorescence glabrous or rarely with sparse glandular hairs; pedicels ascending or diverging perpendicular to axis of raceme at anthesis, glabrous, with a minute bracteole at base or more commonly bracteole absent and represented by a short glandular process; flowers opening during or after elongation of raceme and ± widely spaced. Buds glabrous; ovary with uncinate hairs at anthesis; floral tube 0.2–0.4 mm. Sepals narrowly to broadly ovate or oblong-ovate, apex rounded to obtuse or rarely minutely mamilloform. Petals white or pink, obovate to depressed-ovobate or obdeltoid, apical notch 1/3–1/2 length of petal; petal lobes rounded. Uncinate hairs of fruit unpigmented. Fl. Jun–Sep, fr. Jul-Sep. 2n = 22.

Moist places, on moss-covered rocks and logs and in drier soils in cool-temperate deciduous and mixed forests and lower part of boreal forests; near sea level to 1500 m. Anhui, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanxi [Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia (Far East, also disjunct on S shore of Lake Baikal and in Altai mountains); SW Asia (Caucasus)].


狭叶露珠草  xia ye lu zhu cao


Plants 7–35 cm tall. Stem pubescent. Leaves opaque, elliptic, trullate, broadly trullate, or ovate, rarely broadly ovate, 1.4–4.5 × 0.6–3 cm, base narrowly to broadly cuneate, margin shallowly denticulate, apex acute. Inflorescence simple or with lateral racemes at base, glabrous or pubescent, with short glandular hairs; pedicels ascending or diverging perpendicular to axis of raceme at anthesis, glabrous or, rarely, sparsely pubescent with short glandular hairs; flowers opening during or after elongation of raceme and ± widely spaced, with a setaceous bracteole at base. Buds glabrous; ovary with uncinate hairs at anthe-
Circaea; they occur most frequently in naturally disturbed places, such as the floodplains of rivers and streams. The ease with which the greatest number of taxa in the genus occurs in China, and many of them have sympatric ranges. The hybrids are usually intermediate between the parents. The flowers have the exserted nectary of *C. erubescens* and usually at least a few of the long, spreading hairs of *C. cordata*. They also resemble *C. cordata* in being more robust, in leaf shape and in having more closely

dular hairs in inflorescence. Leaves transluent, ovate to broadly so, rarely nearly circular in outline, base cordate to subcordate, less commonly truncate or rounded, margin conspicuously dentate, apex shortly acuminated to acute. Inflorescence simple or with lateral racemes from base, glabrous to densely pubescent with short glandular hairs; flowering pedicel ascending or erect, glabrous, with a setaceous bracteole at base; flowers opening before elongation of raceme and clustered at its apex. Buds glabrous; floral tube nearly absent to 0.5 mm. Sepals oblong to ovate, sometimes broadly so, apex rounded to obtuse or minutely mammiform. Petals white, obtriangular to ovate, apical notch, 1/4–1/2 length of petal; petal lobes rounded. Uncinate hairs of fruit unpigmented. Fl. Jun–Aug(–Sep), fr. Jul–Nov. 2n = 22.

- Moist open areas, thickets and forests in mountains; 2000–3600 m. Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan.


**Circaea lutetiana** (Linnaeus) H. Léveillé;

- Moist to wet places, on moss-covered rocks and logs; near sea level to 2500 m. Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Shanxi [Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia; circumboreal in forests between 30°–65° N, but restricted to high elevations at lower latitudes].


**Circaea alpina** var. *imaicola* Ascherson & Magnus, Bot. Zeitung (Berlin) 28: 749. 1870; *C. hohuanensis* S. S. Ying; *C. imaicola* (Ascherson & Magnus) Handel-Mazzetti; *C. minutula* Ohwi; *C. pricei* Hayata; *C. taiwaniana* S. S. Ying.

Plants 3.5–45 cm tall. Stem densely to sparsely pubescent. Leaves ovate to broadly ovate, less commonly obovate, 2–7 × 1.4–4.5 cm, base truncate or rounded, less often broadly cuneate to subcordate, margin subentire to occasionally prominently dentate, apex acute to shortly acuminated. Inflorescence simple or branched, pubescent with short glandular hairs, less commonly glabrous; flowering pedicel erect or ascending, glabrous; flowers clustered at apex of raceme and opening before elongation of raceme axis, with a minute setaceous bracteole at base. Buds glabrous, rarely glabrescent; ovary with uncinate hairs at anthesis; floral tube nearly absent to 0.3 mm. Sepals oblong to ovate, apex rounded to obtuse. Petals white or pink, narrowly to broadly obovate in outline, apical notch 1/4–1/2 length of petal; petal lobes rounded. Uncinate hairs of fruit unpigmented. Fl. Jul–Sep(–Oct), fr. Aug–Nov. 2n = 22*.

Cool moist places along streams, thickets, deciduous and coniferous forests in mountains; (1500–)2000–4000 m. Anhui, Gansu, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [NE Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, N Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, NW Vietnam].

7d. *Circaea alpina* subsp. *alpina* (原亚种) lu zhu cao (yuan ya zhong)

**Circaea alpina** var. *rosamissima* H. Hara; *C. lutetiana* f. *alpina* (Linnaeus) H. Léveillé;

- Moist thickets and coniferous forests, grassy alpine areas; 3100–5000 m. Gansu, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, N India, N Myanmar, Nepal].


This is the hybrid *Circaea cordata × C. erubescens* and is intermediate between the parents. The flowers have the exserted nectary of *C. erubescens* and usually at least a few of the long, spreading hairs of *C. cordata*. They also resemble *C. cordata* in being more robust, in leaf shape and in having more closely
spaced flowers at anthesis. Although the petals are more like those of C. cordata in shape, they are often pink as in C. erubescens.

Disturbed areas, commonly along streams, in broad-leaved deciduous forests. Near sea level to 1500 m. NE China (“Manchuria, 1941” without further data) [Japan].


北方露珠草 bei fang lu zhu cao

This is the hybrid Circaea canadensis subsp. quadrisulcata × C. cordata and is most obviously intermediate between the parents in degree and the nature of pubescence and in the morphology of the flower parts. It is similar to C. cordata in having sporadic, long, sharply pointed, straight or slightly curved spreading hairs on various parts of the plant and in having a pubescent stem. It is similar to C. canadensis subsp. quadrisulcata in the color of the buds, sepals, and petals and in the presence of a low, exserted nectary projecting beyond the opening of the floral tube. It also has the densely glandular inflorescence of C. canadensis subsp. quadrisulcata, but the closely spaced flowers and petal shape of C. cordata.

Disturbed habitats; near sea level (upper elevation unknown). Hebei, also “Manchuria, Korri-mon” [Japan].


卵叶露珠草 luán yè lu zhu cao


This is the hybrid Circaea cordata × C. mollis and is morphologically intermediate between the parents. It resembles C. cordata in the long, recurved and straight, sharply pointed hairs on some parts of the plant, but is similar to C. mollis in having an exserted, ringlike nectary and darkened stem nodes.

Disturbed areas in broad-leaved deciduous forests; below 100–1500 m. Sichuan, Yunnan [Japan, S Korea].


贡山露珠草 gong shan lu zhu cao

Known only from the type, this is the hybrid Circaea alpina subsp. imaicola × C. cordata and is intermediate between the two parents in overall appearance. Some leaves with the base rounded to cordate are like those in C. alpina subsp. imaicola, but some leaves on the upper portion of the stem have the base cordate as in C. cordata. The pubescence is more dense than in C. alpina subsp. imaicola but with fewer of the long, straight trichomes of C. cordata.

- Moist forests; ca. 1800 m. NW Yunnan (Gongshan).

Circaea alpina Linnaeus subsp. imaicola (Ascherson & Magnus) Kitamura × C. repens Wallich ex Ascherson & Magnus

西南露珠草 xi nán lu zhu cao

Plants that appear to be hybrids between Circaea alpina subsp. imaicola and C. repens are like C. repens in stature. The flowers are smaller and more closely spaced than in C. repens and are borne on ascending, minutely glandular pubescent pedicels. In C. repens, the petioles are glandular pubescent and most commonly spread at right angles to the raceme axis at anthesis. The hybrids have deeply notched petals, as in C. repens, but which are often broader, as in some plants of C. alpina subsp. imaicola.

- Habitat unknown, but presumably in disturbed shaded places; 1800–3200 m. Sichuan, Yunnan.


柳兰属 liu lan shu

Chen Jiuru (陈家瑞 Chen Chia-jiu); Peter C. Hoch, Peter H. Raven


Herbs perennial, erect, usually clumped, with shoots from woody caudex or spreading lateral roots. Stems simple or rarely branched, pubescent to subglabrous, hairs always eglandular. Leaves spirally arranged, rarely subopposite or subverticillate, subleathery, basal ones sessile, upper ones usually petiolate; stipules absent; bracteoles absent. Inflorescence a simple raceme or spike, rarely branched. Flowers 4-merous, slightly zygomorphic, strongly protandrous, lacking a floral tube, producing nectar from raised cels. In C. canadensis subsp. imaicola, but the base cordate as in C. cordata. The pubescence is more dense than in C. alpina subsp. imaicola but with fewer of the long, straight trichomes of C. cordata.

- Habitat unknown, but presumably in disturbed shaded places; 1800–3200 m. Sichuan, Yunnan.
1a. Bracts much smaller than cauline leaves, leathery, sublinear; leaves linear to lanceolate, with distinct submarginal vein; seeds with inconspicuous chalazal collar (less than 0.05 mm) ................................................. 4. C. angustifolium

1b. Bracts ca. as long as cauline leaves, foliaceous, lanceolate to elliptic; leaves narrowly ovate or elliptic to lanceolate-elliptic, lacking submarginal vein; seeds with distinct chalazal collar (more than 0.08 mm).

2a. Style glabrous; stems subglabrous to sparsely strigillose, only rarely densely strigillose; seeds 1.2–2.1 mm; primary leaf veins obscure ................................................................. 1. C. latifolium

2b. Style pubescent on lower half; stems densely strigillose; seeds 1–1.3 mm; primary leaf veins distinct.

3a. Secondary leaf veins conspicuously reticulate or anastomosing; plants 30–120 cm tall; sepal 11–15 mm; petals 8–14 mm; fruiting pedicels 1.5–5 cm ................................................................. 3. C. conspersum

3b. Secondary leaf veins obscure, not conspicuously anastomosing; plants 20–45 cm tall; sepal 15–20 mm; petals 17–25 mm; fruiting pedicels 1–3 cm .................................................. 2. C. speciosum


宽叶柳兰 kuan ye liu lan

Epilobium latifolium Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 347. 1753; Chamaenerion latifolium (Linnaeus) Franchet & Lange; E. changaecium Grubov; E. kesamitsui Yamazaki.

Herbs perennial, erect, clumped, with a thick woody rhizome and wiry mass of roots. Stems 12–35 cm tall, glabrous below to sparsely or rarely densely strigillose on upper stem and inflorescence. Leaves sessile or petioles to 2 mm; basal leaf blade brown, triangular-ovate, 5–10 mm, submembranous; cauline blade green or pale green, elliptic or ovate to lanceolate-elliptic, 2–5(–8) × 0.6–1.7(–2.5) mm, subglares or strigillose, especially on veins, lateral veins obscure, 3 or 4 per side, base cuneate or sometimes subobtuse, margin subentire to remotely punctate-denticulate with 7–15 teeth per side, apex obtuse or acuminate. Bracts ca. 1/2 as long as cauline leaves. Inflorescence densely strigillose. Flowers erect in bud, nodding at early anthesis. Sepals 1–2 cm, submembranous; cauline blade pale green or brown when dry, narrowly ovate to lanceolate-elliptic, 3–4.5 × 0.7–1.8(–3) mm, both surfaces strigillose, lateral veins distinct, 3–5 per side, base cuneate, margin remotely punctate-denticulate with 7–15 teeth per side, apex acute, acuminate, or sometimes subobtute. Bracts ca. 1/2 as long as cauline leaves. Inflorescence densely strigillose. Flowers erect in bud, nodding at early anthesis. Sepals 1–2 cm × 3–5 mm. Petals purplish red or rose, 1.7–2.5 × 1.2–2.2 cm. Ovary purplish green, 1.7–2.5 cm, densely canescent; style 5–7 mm, lower half villous. Capsules 5–9 cm, strigillose; pedicels 1–3 cm. Seeds 1.2–1.3 × 0.4–0.6 mm, irregularly low-reticulate; coma tawny, 1–1.3 cm, not readily deciduous. Fl. Aug–Sep, fr. Sep–Oct. Chromosome number unknown.

Moist gravelly or sandy soils, scree slopes in mountains; 3900–4500 m. Xizang [India, Nepal, Pakistan; endemic to Himalayan region].


网脉柳兰 wang mai liu lan


Herbs perennial, robust, with a somewhat woody rhizome. Stems 30–120 cm tall, densely strigillose throughout. Leaves sessile or petioles to 3 mm; basal leaf blade narrowly triangular to narrowly lanceolate, 8–10 mm; cauline blade pale green abaxially, dark green adaxially, narrowly oblong or elliptic-lanceolate, 4.5–11 × 0.7–1.4 cm, both surfaces strigillose, lateral veins distinct, 4 or 5 per side, secondary veins conspicuous, anastomosing, base cuneate, margin often revolute, denticulate with 15–35 teeth per side, apex acuminate. Bracts somewhat less than 1/2 as long as cauline leaves. Inflorescence densely strigillose. Flowers suberect in bud, nodding at early anthesis. Sepals 1.1–1.5 cm × 3–5 mm. Petals rose-purple, 8–14 × 6–13 mm. Ovary purplish green, 1–2 cm, densely canescent; style 5–8 mm, lower half densely villous. Capsules 2.5–7.5 cm, strigillose; pedicels 1.5–5 cm. Seeds 1–1.2 × 0.4–0.5 mm, low papillose to reticulate, with distinct chalazal collar 0.08–0.1 mm; coma tawny, 1–1.2 cm, not readily deciduous. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Sep–Oct. 2n = 36.
Open, moist gravel beds, sandy streambeds, talus ridges; 2300–4700 m. Qinghai, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, NE India (Sikkim), Myanmar, Nepal].

Some morphologically intermediate populations appear to be hybrids between this species and Chamerion angustifolium or C. speciosum in areas where these species overlap. More analyses are needed to verify these observations.


柳兰 liu lan

Herbs perennial, erect, forming large clones by vigorous soboles from a woody caudex or by long lateral roots. Stems 20–200 cm tall, glabrous to densely strigillose especially on inflorescence. Leaves sessile or petioles to 7 mm; cauline blade oblong-oblong to obovate, 3–23 × 0.3–3.4 cm, glabrous throughout upper stem and inflorescence. Leaves with petioles 2–7 mm; cauline blade oblong-lanceolate, 6–23 × 0.3–9(–11) mm, base obtuse to cuneate, margin entire or scarcely denticulate, apex attenuate-acute. Bracts much smaller than cauline leaves. Inflorescence glabrous or strigillose. Flowers nodding in bud, suberect at anthesis. Sepals 6–19 × 1.5–3 mm. Petals pale pink to purple or rarely white, 9–25 × 3–15 mm. Ovary 0.6–2.5 cm, densely canescent; style 8–16 mm, lower part villous. Capsules 4–9.5 cm, densely appressed-canescence; pedicels 0.5–3 cm. Seeds 0.9–1.3 × 0.3–0.45 mm, irregularly reticulate, with indistinct chalazal collar; coma dingy or white, 1–1.7 cm, not easily detaching.

Moist often disturbed places; near sea level to 4700 m. Gansu, Guizhou, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Ningxia, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Xizang, Yunnan [Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia; C, N, and SW Asia, Europe, North America].

4a. Chamerion angustifolium subsp. angustifolium

柳兰(原亚种) liu lan (yuan ya zhong)

Epilobium angustifolium Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 347. 1753; Chamaenerion angustifolium (Linnaeus) Scopoli; C. angustifolium var. album Yue Zhang & J. Y. Ma; E. neriifolium H. Léveillé; E. spicatum Lamarck.

Stems 20–130 cm tall, subglabrous. Leaves subsessile; cauline blade linear-lanceolate or narrowly lanceolate, (3–)7–14(–18.5) × (0.3–)0.7–1.3(–2.5) cm, glabrous throughout, lateral veins often indistinct but submarginal vein distinct, base obtuse to cuneate, margin subentire to obscurely denticulate, somewhat revolute. Inflorescence subglabrous. Sepals 6–15 mm. Petals 9–15(–19) × 3–9(–11) mm. Capsules 4–8 cm; pedicels 0.5–1.9 cm. Seeds 0.9–1 mm. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 36*.

Moist often disturbed places in mountains, 500–4700 m. Gansu, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Nei Mongol, Ningxia, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Xizang, Yunnan [Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia; C, N, and SW Asia, Europe, North America].


毛脉柳兰 mao mai liu lan

Epilobium angustifolium subsp. circumvagum Mosquin, Brittonia 18: 167. 1966; Chamaenerion angustifolium subsp. circumvagum (Mosquin) Moldenke; C. angustifolium var. platyphyllum Daniels.

Stems 30–200 cm tall, glabrous below, sparsely strigillose throughout upper stem and inflorescence. Leaves with petioles 2–7 mm; cauline blade oblanceolate or elliptic-lanceolate, (6–)23 × (0.7–)1.5–3.4 cm, sparsely strigillose adaxially, with strigillose leaf midvein especially abaxially, lateral and submarginal veins distinct, base subcuneate to attenuate, margin ± denticulate, flat or scarcely revolute. Inflorescence strigillose. Sepals 9–19 mm. Petals 14–25 × 7–15 mm. Capsules 5–9.5 cm; pedicels 1–3 cm. Seeds 1–1.3 mm. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 72, 108*.

Moist often disturbed places in mountains; near sea level to 3600–4400 m. Gansu, Guizhou, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Henan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Ningxia, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia; N Africa, C, N, and SW Asia, Europe, North America].


柳叶菜属 liu ye cai shu

Chen Jiurui (陈家瑞 Chen Chia-jui); Peter C. Hoch, Peter H. Raven

Boisduvalia Spach; Chamaenerion Séguier; Zauschneria Presl.

Herbs perennial [or annual, sometimes suffrutescent], with leafy rosettes, stolons, soboles (shoots), or turions (subterranean globose buds with fleshy scales). Stems glabrous to pubescent, often with lines of hairs decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves...
opposite, becoming alternate and bractlike in inflorescence; petiolate or sessile; stipules absent; bracteoles absent. Inflorescences simple or branched racemes, panicles, spikes, or corymb. Flowers 4-merous, often protandrous, with floral tube, producing nectar at base of style. Petals pink to rose-purple or white [or rarely cream-colored or orange-red], obcordate or obturllate, notched at apex. Stamens 8, in two unequal whorls; pollen yellow, shed in tetrads. Style erect; stigma entire or 4-lobed. Fruit an elongate, slender capsule, 4-loculed, loculidical. Seeds many [or rarely only 4], generally with terminal coma of silky hairs [or coma rarely lacking].

$2n = [18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, ] 36, [38, 60].$

About 165 species: montane, boreal, and/or arctic regions of Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, and North and South America, from sea level to 5000 m, often in moist, disturbed places: 33 species (nine endemic) in China.

The genus is divided into seven sections, all present in North America but only one, *Epilobium* sect. *Epilobium*, in China, where the species occur in most temperate to montane habitats except extreme deserts or warm, subtropical forests.

Careful gathering of ripe seeds and perennializing structures, usually at or just below the ground surface, facilitate identification. The pattern of vestiture on stems, also extremely valuable for identification, is sometimes obscure on specimens collected very late in the growing season.

1a. Stigma deeply 4-lobed (rarely shallowly so in *E. blinii*).
2a. Stems (18–)30–120(–250) cm tall, with long spreading and short erect glandular hairs; leaves 3–12 cm, subacute to acuminate, with (15–)20–60 teeth per side; seeds 0.8–1.2 mm, coarsely papillose.
3a. Leaves clasping; petals (7–)10–20 mm; stigma exerted beyond anthers at anthesis ...........................................  1. *E. hirsutum*
3b. Leaves subsessile but not clasping; petals 5–8 mm; stigma surrounded by anthers of longer stamens at anthesis ..........................................................  2. *E. parviflorum*
2b. Stems 3–25(–45) cm tall, strigillose; leaves 0.8–3 cm, obtuse, with 3–7 indistinct teeth per side; seeds 1.2–1.8 mm, finely papillose or reticulate.
4a. Loosely matted herb, stems 3–18 cm tall, branched; leaf petioles 1–3 mm; petals 1.6–3.1 cm; fruiting pedicels 4–7 mm; seeds reticulate; Taiwan ..........................................................  4. *E. nankotaizanense*
4b. Ascending or erect herb, stems 10–25(–45) cm tall, usually simple; leaves subsessile; petals 1–1.5 cm; fruiting pedicels 15–35 mm; seeds finely papillose; SW China ..................................................................................  3. *E. blinii*
1b. Stigma entire or shallowly emarginate.
5a. Stems pubescent throughout, either lacking raised pubescent lines decurrent from margins of petioles, or lines inconspicuous.
6a. Plants forming short basal shoots (soboles), often clumped; stems occasionally with persistent basal scales.
7a. Inflorescence variously pubescent, but without glandular hairs.
8a. Ovary white canescent; seeds with conspicuous chalazal collar; leaves oblong-lanceolate to narrowly ovate, 2–7 cm ......................................................... 29. *E. minutiflorum*
8b. Ovary strigillose, not white canescent; seeds with inconspicuous chalazal collar; leaves sublinear to elliptic or lanceolate, 1–4.5 cm.
9a. Plants erect, loosely clumped or not clumped; stems mostly well-branched throughout; leaves 1–4.5 cm, linear to narrowly lanceolate ............................................................. 10. *E. platystigmatosum*
9b. Plants ascending, forming distinct clumps or mats; stems simple or branched only from base; leaves 1–2 cm, elliptic to lanceolate ..........................................................  11. *E. hohuanense*
7b. Inflorescence variously pubescent, but always with glandular hairs, especially on inflorescence.
10a. Mid-cauline and upper leaves with distinct petioles 2–7 mm, and with narrowly cuneate bases ...........  13. *E. royleanum*
10b. Mid-cauline and upper leaves subsessile or with petioles to 2 mm, and with subcordate, rounded, or broadly cuneate bases.
11a. Leaves subentire, lanceolate-elliptic, seed coma tawny ......................................................... 28. *E. fastigiatoramosum*
11b. Leaves denticulate, ovate to lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate; seed coma white or dingy.
12a. Petals 3–4.3(–5) mm; ovary white canescent; seeds with conspicuous chalazal collar ................. 29. *E. minutiflorum*
12b. Petals 7–11 mm; ovary pubescent but not white canescent; seeds with inconspicuous chalazal collar ..........................................................  16. *E. brevifolium*
6b. Plants with basal rosettes, turions, or stolons, not basal shoots, rarely clumped; stems often with persistent basal scales.
13a. Plants throughout densely appressed tomentose; plants with leafy rosettes; petals 8–16 mm .............  15. *E. pannosum*
13b. Plants strigillose, villous, and/or glandular pubescent, but not tomentose; plants forming stolons or turions, not leafy rosettes; petals 4–8 mm (except to 15 mm in *E. kermodei*).
14a. Plants forming fleshy turions, leaving dense leathery basal scales; fruiting pedicels 5–10 mm; plants 7–25 cm tall; Taiwan ......................................................... 12. *E. taiwanianum*
14b. Plants forming stolons, usually with few or no basal scales; fruiting pedicels 7–50 mm; plants 25–120 cm tall (except *E. palustre*, (5–)15–70 cm tall); widespread, but not in Taiwan.
15a. Plants forming thick, rope-like stolons with fleshy terminal buds; capsules 7–11 cm; seeds 0.8–1.2 mm ..........................................................  14. *E. kermodei*
5b. Stems subglabrous below inflorescence except for 2 or 4 raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petiole.

17a. Inflorescence glabrous or rarely with scattered hairs on ovary and sepals.

18a. Plants forming filiform, threadlike stolons, sometimes with terminal buds; capsules 3–9 cm; seeds 1.3–2.2 mm.

16a. Leaves sublinear to narrowly lanceolate, subentire to obscurely denticulate; stolons with fleshy terminal turions; fruiting pedicels 1–5 cm; seed comas dingy white ............................... 27. E. palustris

16b. Leaves ovate or broadly oblanceolate, sharply serrulate; stolons without terminal turions; fruiting pedicels 0.7–1.5 cm; seeds reddish ........................................... 17. E. pyrricholophum

17b. Inflorescence moderately to densely pubescent.

19a. Inflorescence strigillose and/or villous, but lacking short, erect glandular hairs.

20a. Leaves subsessile (lower ones often with petioles to 2 mm).

21a. Stems 10–50 cm tall, erect; leaves 1.1–1.6 cm; seeds papillose .............................................. 5. E. roseum

21b. Stems 7–25 cm tall, ascending; leaves 1–2.5 cm; seeds reticulate.

22a. Leaves 1.1–1.6 cm; capsules 3.5–4 cm, pedicels 6–7 mm; seeds 0.8–0.9 mm; SW China ......... 31. E. clarkeanum

22b. Leaves 1.5–2.5 cm; capsules 4.5–5 cm, pedicels 15–20 mm; seeds 1–1.1 cm; Taiwan ............ 32. E. pengii

20b. Leaves with distinct petioles 2–11 mm.

23a. Stems forming fleshy turions at or below ground level; stem bases with thick, brown, leathery scales.

23b. Leaves elliptic or oblong to elliptic-lanceolate, with mostly cuneate bases and distinct petioles 2–11 mm; pedicels 0.5–3 cm.

24a. Plants mostly simple, forming clumps; petals 5.5–6.5 mm; stigma clavate or rarely subcapitate; seeds coarsely papillose; W China (Tian Shan) .................................................. 6. E. tianschanicum

24b. Plants lancolate to narrowly ovate; petioles 2–5 mm; seeds 1–1.3 mm, reticulate or papillose.

25a. Plants well-branched, not much clumped; petals 5–8 mm; stigma capitate to broadly clavate; seeds reticulate; Himalayas and SW China ........................................... 8. E. tibetanum

25b. Plants mostly simple, forming clumps; petals 5.5–6.5 mm; stigma clavate or rarely subcapitate; seeds coarsely papillose; W China (Tian Shan) .................................................. 6. E. tianschanicum

19b. Inflorescence variably pubescent, always with some short, erect glandular hairs.

26a. Plants forming fleshy turions at or below ground level; stem bases with thick, brown, leathery scales.

27a. Leaves elliptic or oblanceolate, with mostly cuneate bases and distinct petioles (1–)2–15 mm.

27b. Leaves ovate to lanceolate, with ± rounded bases and obscure petioles to 3 mm (except in E. laxum). The petioles 2–8 mm on lower leaves.

28a. Petioles 3–10–15 mm; stigma broadly clavate to subcapitate; seeds 1–1.2 × 0.45–0.55 mm, obovoid; Xinjiang .................................................. 5. E. roseum

28b. Petioles 1–4–(6) mm; stigma capitata; seeds 1.1–1.4 × 0.3–0.45 mm, narrowly obovoid; SW China ....... 26. E. fangii

29a. Petioles 4.5–5.5 mm; stigma clavate to subcapitate; seeds 0.9–1 mm .......................................... 25. E. gouldii

29b. Petioles 5.5–16 mm; stigma capitata or nearly so; seeds 1.1–1.5 mm.

30a. Leaves 2–7 × 1.2–2.6 cm, ovate or narrowly ovate, crowded, usually longer than internodes; petals (7–)10–16 mm; fruiting pedicels 1–7(–10) mm; W Himalayas and Tian Shan ....................... 21. E. laxum

30b. Leaves 1.5–5.5 × 0.5–1.5 cm, narrowly ovate to lanceolate, not crowded, usually shorter than internodes; petals 5.5–11 mm; fruiting pedicels 4–12 mm; SW China ....................... 24. E. subcoriaceum

26b. Plants forming soboles, stolons, or rosettes, but not fleshy turions; stem bases with rather loose, ± herbaceous scales, or scales absent.

31a. Plants forming leafy rosettes; seed surface with conspicuous longitudinal ridges of flattened fused papillae; NE China .................................................. 30. E. ciliatum

31b. Plants forming soboles or stolons; seed surface papillose or reticulate, without longitudinal ridges.

32a. Stems ascending, forming clumps or mats; leaves subentire to scarcely denticulate; capsules 1.7–3.6 cm; pedicels 1–3.5–(5) cm; seeds reticulate ........................................... 33. E. anagallidifolium

32b. Stems mostly erect, loosely or not clumped; leaves denticulate or serrulate; capsules (1.5–)3.5–11 cm; pedicels 0.3–2.5 cm; seeds papillose.

33a. Plants forming thick ropelike stolons 1–12 cm with fleshy terminal bud; robust stems 40–120(–200) cm tall; capsules 7–11 cm .................................................. 14. E. kermodei

33b. Plants forming soboles, not stolons; stems 4–80(–150) cm, mostly less than 50 cm; capsules 1.5–7.5 cm (rarely to 9 cm in E. sikkimense).
Epilobium hirsutum


Chamaenerion hirsutum (Linnæus) Scopoli; Epilobium hirsutum var. lactum Wallach ex C. B. Clarke; E. hirsutum var. sericeum Bentham ex C. B. Clarke; E. hirsutum var. tomentosum (Ventenat) Boissier; E. hirsutum var. villosum (Thunberg) H. Har; E. tomentosum Ventenat; E. velutinum Nevski (1937), nom. illeg. superfl., not H. Léveillé (1916); E. villosum Thunberg.

Herbs robust, perennial, sometimes woody near base with long, thick, ropelike hypogeal stolons often terminating in a rosette of leaves. Stems 25–120(–250) cm tall, much branched in upper half, densely villous pubescent, with short glandular hairs especially on inflorescence, rarely sparsely pubescent, or rarely densely white tomentose. Leaves sessile or clasping; stem; cauleine blade lanceolate-elliptic to narrowly obovate or elliptic, rarely very narrowly lanceolate, 4–12(–23) × 0.3–4(–5) cm, both surfaces villous, very rarely glabrescent, base subcuneate and clasping, margin serrulate with 20–50 teeth per side, apex acute to acuminate. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Seals 6–12 mm, often keeled. Petals bright pink to dark purple, 4–8.5 mm. Stigma deeply 4-lobed. Capsules 3–7 cm, pubescent or rarely glabrescent; pedicels 0.5–1.8 cm. Seeds dark brown, 0.8–1.1 mm, coarsely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma tawny or dull white, detaching easily. Fl. Jun–Aug, fr. Jul–Sep.

Wet places near streams, ditches, marshes, gravel or sandy beds of rivers, roadsides; (200–)500–2000 m in N China, (100–)500–2800(–3500) m in SW China. Anhui, Gansu, Guangdong, Guizhou, Hebei, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Ningxia, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Afghanistan, India, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia; widespread in Africa, SW Asia, Europe, and naturalized in North America].

This is an extremely widespread and variable species that spreads aggressively by vegetative growth in wet habitats. Populations from Xinjiang tend to have strikingly tomentose pubescence, unlike plants from other regions, but the pattern of variability for entire species obscures these differences, so no subdivision is recognized.

1. Epilobium hirsutum

2. Epilobium parviflorum

Herbs robust, perennial, with short-stalked leafy basal rosettes. Stems 18–100(–160) cm tall, well-branched above, densely gray villous on lower part, mixed above with short glandular hairs, often with raised lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile or lower ones with petioles 1–3 mm; cauleine blade lanceolate-elliptic to narrowly lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, 3–12 × 0.5–2.5 cm, both surfaces villous, usually rounded, margin denticulate with 15–60 teeth per side, apex subacute. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Seals 2.5–6 mm, keeled. Petals bright pink to dark purple, 4–8.5 mm. Stigma deeply 4-lobed. Capsules 3–7 cm, pubescent or rarely glabrescent; pedicels 0.5–1.8 cm. Seeds dark brown, 0.8–1.1 mm, coarsely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma tawny or dull white, detaching easily. Fl. Jun–Sep, fr. Jul–Oct. 2n = 36.

Usually in disturbed wet places near streams, bogs, and rivers, open waste slopes and meadows in mountains; (300–)500–1800(–2500) m. Gansu, Guizhou, Hebei, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Nei Mongol, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Yunnan [Afghanistan, India, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia; Africa, SW Asia, naturalized in New Zealand, North America].

3. Epilobium blinii


Herbs perennial, with short-stalked leafy basal rosettes. Stems 10–45 cm tall, simple or with few branches, strigillose throughout, mixed with glandular hairs on inflorescence or rarely subglabrous, with raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile or lower ones with petioles 1–5 mm; cauleine blade narrowly elliptic to lanceolate-elliptic, 1–3 × 0.4–0.9 cm, both surfaces sparsely strigillose, base subcuneate to rarely rounded, margin remotely denticulate with 3–7 teeth per side, apex obtuse. Inflorescence suberect or nodding;
flowers erect. Sepals 5–7.5 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, 1–1.5 cm. Stigma deeply to shallowly 4-lobed. Capsules 3–5.5 cm, strigillose, sometimes glandular; pedicels 1.5–3.5 cm. Seeds brown, 1.2–1.5 mm, minutely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma tawny, detaching easily. Fl. Apr–Aug(–Sep), fr. May–Aug(–Oct). 2n = 36.

- Uncommon in permanently wet places, including sphagnum bogs; 1500–2700(–3300) m. Sichuan, Yunnan.

This highly distinctive, Chinese endemic species is quite rare and possibly endangered due to habitat loss.


南湖柳叶菜 nan hu liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, loosely matted with wiry spreading roots and fleshy soboles that creep and root at nodes, with dense basal scales. Stems 3–18 cm tall, usually branched above, strigillose throughout, mixed with glandular hairs on inflorescence. Leaves crowded on upper stems, leathery, rather fleshy; petiole rarely to suborbicular, 0.8–2.1 × 0.5–1.2 cm, sparsely strigillose 1–3 mm; cauline blade broadly elliptic to obovate or ovate, sal scales. Stems 3–18 cm tall, usually branched above, strigillose and fleshy soboles that creep and root at nodes, with dense basilar leaves, or shorter fleshy soboles. Leaves subsessile or lower ones with petioles to 2 mm; cauline blade broadly elliptic to obvate or ovate, rarely to suborbicular, 0.8–2.1 × 0.5–1.2 cm, sparsely strigillose on margin and veins, otherwise glabrous, base attenuate or rarely subtruncate, margin weakly denticulate with 3–7 teeth per side, apex obtuse. Inflorescence ascending; flowers slightly nodding in bud. Sepals 1.1–1.7 cm. Petals rose-purple, 1.6–3.3 cm. Stigma subglobose, shallowly 4-lobed. Capsules 3–6 cm, sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.4–0.7 cm. Seeds brown, 1.6–1.8 mm, finely reticulate, with short chalazal collar; coma tawny, persistent. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36.

- Local on moist open scree slopes in high mountains; 2600–3800 m. Taiwan.

5. Epilobium roseum Schreber, Spicil. Fl. Lips. 147. 1771.

长柄柳叶菜 chang bing liu ye cai

Herbs erect, perennial, with fleshy elongated turions that leave leathery, obovate scales, rarely forming thin stolons. Stems 10–50 cm tall, simple or branched, strigillose usually mixed with glandular hairs throughout upper stem, glabrescent below, with 2 or 4 raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile or petioles 2–10(–15) mm; cauline blade elliptic to oblange or lanceolate to narrowly ovate, 2.2–6 × 0.8–2.5 cm, subglabrous with strigillose margin and veins adaxially, base cuneate to rounded or subcordate, margin denticulate with 9–45 teeth per side, apex obtuse. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Sepals 3.5–5.5 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, 5–8 mm. Stigma clavate to subcapitate, entire. Capsules 3–6 cm, strigillose and glandular pubescent; pedicels 0.6–1.5 cm. Seeds dark brown, 1.2–1.8 mm, papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. 2n = 36.

Damp areas near streams, roadsides, ditches in mountains; 1500–2100 m. Xinjiang [Kazakhstan, Russia; C and SW Asia].

1a. Plants with fleshy elongated basal turions; leaf petioles 3–10(–15) mm; stigma broadly clavate to subcapitate; capsules 4–6 cm

1b. Plants with filiform epigeous stolons or shorter, fleshy soboles; leaves subsessile (lower ones with petioles to 2 mm); stigma clavate; capsules 3–6 cm ...... 5b. subsp. subsessile

5a. Epilobium roseum subsp. roseum

长柄柳叶菜(原亚种) chang bing liu ye cai (yuan ya zhong)

Herbs perennial, variable, with fleshy elongated basal turions that leave leathery, obovate scales 6–8 × 4–6 mm. Leaves with petioles 3–10(–15) mm; cauline blade elliptic to oblange or lanceolate, 2.2–5 × 0.8–1.8 cm, base cuneate to broadly so, margin weakly denticulate with 9–25 teeth per side, apex subobtuse. Inflorescence strigillose, sometimes with glandular hairs. Stigma broadly clavate to subcapitate. Capsules 4–6 cm, sparsely strigillose. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36.

Damp areas near streams, roadsides, ditches in mountains; 1800–2200 m. Xinjiang [Kazakhstan, Russia; SW Asia, Europe].


多脉柳叶菜 duo mai liu ye cai

Epilobium roseum var. subsessile Boissier, Fl. Orient. 2: 749. 1872; E. almatense Steinberg; E. nervosum Boissier & Buhse; E. smyrnacum Boissier & Balansa.

Herbs perennial, with filiform epigeous stolons with widely spaced small leaves, or shorter fleshy basal soboles. Leaves subsessile or lower ones with petioles to 2 mm; cauline blade 3.4–6 × 0.9–2.5 cm, lower ones oblange-lanceolate with base broadly cuneate and apex subobtuse, upper ones narrowly ovate to lanceolate with base rounded or subcordate and apex acute to acuminate, margin remotely denticulate with 23–45 teeth per side. Inflorescence strigillose. Stigma clavate. Capsules 3–6 cm, strigillose. Fl. Jun–Aug, fr. Jul–Sep. 2n = 36.

Damp areas near streams, ditches in mountains; 1500–2100 m. Xinjiang [Kazakhstan, Russia; C and SW Asia].


天山柳叶菜 tian shan liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, clumped, with fleshy basal soboles or leafy rosettes that leave brown scales or leaves around caudex. Stems 30–50 cm tall, simple, often basally decumbent, strigillose throughout upper stem, subglabrous below, with 2 or 4 raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves with petioles 2–4 mm; cauline blade 3.5–5 × 0.9–1.4 cm, narrowly ovate to lanceolate, subglabrous with strigillose margin and veins, base subrounded or broadly cuneate, margin serrulate with 14–25 teeth per side, apex acute. Inflorescence slightly nodding; flowers erect. Sepals 4–5.5 mm, keeled. Petals rose-purple, 5.5–6.5 mm. Stigma clavate to subcapitate, entire. Capsules 4–6 cm, sparsely strigillose; pedicels 1.5–2.9 cm. Seeds brown, 1–1.3 mm, coarsely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma dingy white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36.

Herbs perennial, robust, with thick caudex and leafy basal soboles or loose rosettes. Stems 10–110 cm tall, well-branched above, strigillose or rarely subglabrous on upper stem, glabrescent below with indistinct, sparsely strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves suberect; petiole 1–4 mm; cauline blade narrowly lanceolate to sublinear, 3–12 × 0.4–2 cm, glabrous with sparsely strigillose margin and veins, base cuneate, margin densely serrulate with (20–)30–50 teeth per side, apex acute. Inflorescence erect, strigillose, rarely with a few glandular hairs; flowers suberect. Sepals 3–5 mm, keeled. Petals pink or rose-purple, rarely white, 3.6–7 mm. Stigma capitate or broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 2.5–5.5 cm, glabrescent or sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.5–1.2 cm. Seeds brown, 0.8–1.3 mm, finely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma dingy white, easily detaching. Fl. Jun– Sep, fr. Jul–Sep. 2n = 36*

Disturbed wet places along rivers, streams, and lakes, often along roadside ditches in mountains; (400–)1000–2000(–3500) m. Gansu, Guangxi, Hebei, Henan, Huabei, Hunan, Sichuan, Yunnan.

Epilobium hohuanense Rechinger; E. nuristanicum K. H. Rechinger; E. pseudobscurum Haussknec ht; E. roseum Schreber var. anagallidifolium C. B. Clarke, p.p.

Herbs erect, perennial, with short leafy soboles and rhizome with dense, fibrous rootlets. Stems 13–100 cm tall, well-branched, sparsely strigillose throughout upper stem, glabrescent below with indistinct raised lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves suberect; petiole 2–5 mm; cauline blade lanceolate to narrowly ovate, 1.2–6.5 × 0.5–1.5 cm, glabrous with sparsely strigillose margin and veins, base cuneate or subrounded, margin serrulate with 15–35 teeth per side, apex acute or acuminate. Inflorescence and flowers suberect. Sepals 3.5–5 mm, keeled. Petals pink or rose-purple, rarely white, 5–8 mm. Stigma capitate or broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 4–8.8 cm, sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.8–2.5 cm. Seeds brown, 1.1–1.3 mm, reticulate, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma dingy white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul– Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 36*

Stems (9–)15–70 cm tall, usually branched throughout, densely leafy, strigillose throughout, lacking raised lines. Petiole 1–4 mm; cauline leaf blade suberect to narrowly lanceolate, 1–4.5 cm × 1.5–5 mm, glabrous with strigillose margin and midvein, base attenuate to narrowly cuneate, margin weakly denticulate with 3–8 teeth per side, apex acute or obtuse. Inflorescence slightly nodding before anthesis; flowers erect. Sepals 2.5–3.2 mm. Petals white or pink, rarely rose-purple, 3–5 mm. Stigma capitate to broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 2.3–3.5 cm, glabrescent or sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.8–2.2 cm. Seeds brown, 0.8–0.9 mm, coarsely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma dingy white, easily detaching. Fl. Aug–Oct, fr. Sep–Nov. 2n = 36*.

Scattered but locally common in disturbed moist places along rivers, streams, and ditches in mountains; 2300–4500 m. Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan; SW Asia].


Epilobium beleuverdianum H. Léveillé; E. christii H. Léveillé; E. roseum Schreber var. cylindricum (D. Don) C. B. Clarke.

Herbs perennial, robust, clumped with short leafy basal soboles. Stems 10–50 cm tall, simple or few-branched, very densely leafy, glabrescent throughout except for raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves often spirally arranged on upper stem, crowded, suberect; petiole 2–11 mm; cauline blade narrowly spatulate to oblong or lanceolate-linear, or rarely narrowly obovate, 1.2–7 cm × 3–10 mm, glabrous with sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, midvein conspicuously pale, prominent abaxially; base narrowly cuneate, margin weakly denticulate with 3–12 teeth per side, apex obtuse. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Sepals 4.5–6.5 mm. Petals white or pink, rarely rose-purple, 5.5–8 mm. Stigma capitate or broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 2.5–5.5 cm, glabrescent or sparsely strigillose; pedicels 1.3–4 cm. Seeds brown, 1.2–1.3 mm, finely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma reddish, detaching easily. Fl. Jun–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct–(Dec). 2n = 36*.

Disturbed wet places along rivers and streams, occasionally in other rocky, exposed places; 500–2400 m. Gansu, Guizhou, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Sichuan, Yunnan.

Epilobium cephalostigma Haussknec ht var. linearifolium Hisauti; E. formosanum Masamune; E. sohayakiense Koidzumi.

Herbs perennial, loosely clumped with leafy basal soboles. Stems (9–)15–70 cm tall, usually branched throughout, densely leafy, strigillose throughout, lacking raised lines. Petiole 1–4 mm; cauline leaf blade suberect to narrowly lanceolate, 1.4–5 cm × 1.5–5 mm, glabrous with strigillose margin and midvein, base attenuate to narrowly cuneate, margin weakly denticulate with 3–8 teeth per side, apex acute or obtuse. Inflorescence slightly nodding before anthesis; flowers erect. Sepals 2.5–3.2 mm. Petals white or pink, rarely rose-purple, 3–5 mm. Stigma capitato broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 2.3–3.5 cm, glabrescent or sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.8–2.2 cm. Seeds brown, 0.8–0.9 mm, coarsely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma dingy white, easily detaching. Fl. Aug–Oct, fr. Sep–Nov. 2n = 36*.

Moist, often disturbed places along streams and rivers in mountains; (400–)1000–2000 (–3500) m. Gansu, Guangxi, Hebei, Henan, Huabei, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan [Japan, Philippines].


Epilobium hohuanense var. octomucronatum Haussknacht; E. roseum var. sohayakiense Koidzumi.

Herbs perennial, caespitose or clumped, with thin, fleshy soboles that leave small scattered basal scales. Stems 5–20(–30) cm tall, ascending, simple or rarely branched, strigillose throughout, sometimes with broad indefinite lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile or lower ones with petioles 1–3 mm; cauline blade elliptic or oblong to lanceolate, often narrowly so, spatulate near base, (0.5–1) × 0.15–0.7 cm, sub-
0.9–1.2 mm, papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, persistent. Fl. Jul–


Herbs perennial, suberect, often clumped, with fleshy tufts that leave brown leathery basal scales. Stems 7–25 cm tall, simple or sparsely branched, strigillose throughout, lacking raised decurrent lines. Leaves subsessile or lower ones with petioles 1–2 cm; caudine blade ovate to lanceolate to lanceolate-elliptic, spatulate near base, 1–2.5 × 0.5–1 cm, subglabrous with faintly strigillose margin and midvein, base cuneate to broadly so, margin denticate with 3–9 teeth per side, apex acute. Inflorescence nodding before anthesis; flowers erect. Sepals 3–5 mm, keeled. Petals rose-purple, 4–6.5 mm. Stigma capitate to broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 2.5–5 cm, strigillose; pedicels 0.5–1 cm. Seeds light brown, 1.1–1.5 mm, low papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. Chromosome number unknown.


Herbs perennial, robust, erect, with fleshy stolons 1–12 cm, extending underground and terminating in thickened buds. Stems 40–120 cm tall, simple or sparsely branched, densely glandular and strigillose throughout, with faint raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile above, lower ones with petioles 1–6 mm; cauline blade narrowly ovate to lanceolate, 3.5–8(–11) × 1.5–4(–4.5) cm, subglabrous with densely strigillose margin and midvein, base broadly cuneate to subrounded, margin sharply serrulate with 28–42(–60) teeth per side, apex acute. Inflorescence erect, congested; flowers erect. Sepals 5–8 mm. Petals rose-purple, 7–15(–18) mm. Stigma capitate to broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 7–11 cm, strigillose, glandular; pedicels 0.7–1.5 cm. Seeds dark brown, 0.8–1.2 mm, coarsely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. May–Aug, fr. (May–)Jul–Sep. 2n = 36*.

Most disturbed places along roads and streams, boggy areas, meadows, forest margins; 400–1400 m in C China to 1800–2800(–3800) m in SW China. Guangxi, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, Sichuan, Yunnan [Myanmar].

Most populations of this species were earlier determined as Epilobium tanguaticum (E. wallachianum in this treatment), prior to Raven’s study of the genus in the Himalayan region.


Herbs perennial, robust, erect, sprouting from caudex or with leafy basal rosettes. Stems 20–120 cm tall, sparsely branched above, densely appressed-tomentose, sometimes mixed with glandular hairs on inflorescence, lacking obvious raised decurrent lines. Leaves crowded, subleathery, sessile and often clasping; cauline blade elliptic to lanceolate or ovate, 1–4.8 × 0.5–1.7 cm, both surfaces densely appressed-tomentose, base subrounded, margin remotely denticate with 3–15 teeth per side, apex acuminate to obtuse or subobtuse. Inflorescence nodding initially, later erect; flowers nodding to suberect. Sepals 5.5–8 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, 8–16 mm. Stigma cylindric to broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 3.5–6.5 cm, tomentose, glandular; pedicels 1.2–2.8 cm. Seeds dark brown, 0.9–1 mm, finely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul–Oct, fr. Sep–Nov. 2n = 36*.

Most semishaded disturbed places by streams, or in valleys in evergreen broad-leaved forests; (700)–1500–2200 m. Guizhou, Sichuan, Yunnan [India, Myanmar, Vietnam].

**短叶柳叶菜** duan ye liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, erect or ascending, with fleshy soboles that leave loose brown basal scales. Stems 15–90 cm tall, simple or branched, strigillose throughout, sometimes mixed with glandular hairs on inflorescence, lacking raised decurrent lines. Leaves subsessile or petioles to 4 mm; cauleine blade broadly ovate to broadly lanceolate-elliptic, 1.5–5(–8) × 0.5–2.2(–3) cm, subglabrous with strigillose margin and midvein, base subcordate to cuneate, margin sharply denticulate with 7–22 teeth per side, apex subobtuse to acute. Petals 7–10 mm. Stigmas broadly clavate to clavate; capsules 3.5–7 cm, strigillose, often glandular; pedicels 0.4–1.5 cm. Seeds brown, 0.9–1.1 mm, coarsely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. 2

Herbs perennial, erect, with fleshy soboles, or rarely fleshy stolons. Stems 25–80 cm tall, usually well-branched or simple, strigillose and glandular pubescent throughout, especially dense on inflorescence. Leaves crowded, subsessile; cauleine blade ovate to broadly oblong, upper ones narrowly ovate to lanceolate, 2–6 × 0.5–2 cm, both surfaces strigillose with short chalazal collar; coma reddish brown, rather persistent. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Nov. 2n = 36.

Herbs perennial, erect, with fleshy filiform stolons with small widely spaced leaves. Stems 25–80 cm tall, usually well-branched or simple, strigillose and glandular pubescent throughout, especially dense on inflorescence. Leaves crowded, subsessile; cauleine blade ovate to broadly oblong, upper ones narrowly ovate to lanceolate, 2–6 × 0.5–2 cm, both surfaces strigillose especially on margin and veins, base obtuse to subacute, margin usually sharply serrulate with 7–15 teeth per side, apex acute or subobtuse. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Sepals 4–7 mm. Petals pink to purple, 6–8 mm. Stigma clavate to subcapitate, entire. Capsules 3.5–7.5 cm, strigillose, glandular; pedicels 0.7–1.5 cm. Seeds brown, 1.5–1.8 mm, finely papillose, with conspicuous chalazal collar 0.08–0.1 mm; coma reddish brown, rather persistent. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Nov. 2n = 36.

Wet places along streams and low areas, disturbed moist hillsides in mountains; (100)–300–1800 m. Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Hunan, Jiangxi, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Bhutan, NE India (Assam), Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines (Luzon), Vietnam].


**长籽柳叶菜** chang zi liu ye cai

*Epilobium arctatum* H. Léveillé; *E. axillare* Franchet ex Koidzumi; *E. chrysocoma* H. Léveillé; *E. hakkkodense* H. Léveillé; *E. japonicum* (Miquel) Haussknecht; *E. japonicum* var. *glandulosopubescens* Haussknecht; *E. kiusianum* Nakai; *E. makinoseense* H. Léveillé; *E. myokose* Koidzumi; *E. nakaianum* H. Léveillé; *E. oligodontum* Haussknecht; *E. prostratum* H. Léveillé (1907), not Warburg (1893); *E. pyrricholophum* var. *annoleuchollomum* H. Léveillé; *E. pyrricholophum* var. *curvatopilosum* H. Har; *E. pyrricholophum* var. *japonicum* (Miquel) H. Har; *E. pyrricholophum* s. *kiusianum* (Nakai) Nakai; *E. quadragulum* H. Léveillé; *E. royanum* H. Léveillé; *E. tetragonum* Linnaeus var. *japonicum* Miquel.

Herbs perennial, erect, with basal filiform stolons with small widely spaced leaves. Stems 25–80 cm tall, usually well-branched or simple, strigillose and glandular pubescent throughout, especially dense on inflorescence. Leaves crowded, subsessile; cauleine blade ovate to broadly oblong, upper ones narrowly ovate to lanceolate, 2–6 × 0.5–2 cm, both surfaces strigillose especially on margin and veins, base obtuse to subacute, margin usually sharply serrulate with 7–15 teeth per side, apex acute or subobtuse. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Sepals 4–7 mm. Petals pink to purple, 6–8 mm. Stigma clavate to subcapitate, entire. Capsules 3.5–7.5 cm, strigillose, glandular; pedicels 0.7–1.5 cm. Seeds brown, 1.5–1.8 mm, finely papillose, with conspicuous chalazal collar 0.08–0.1 mm; coma reddish brown, rather persistent. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Nov. 2n = 36.

Wet places along streams and low areas, disturbed moist hillsides in mountains; (100)–300–1800 m. Anhui, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Henan, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Shaanxi, Shandong, E Sichuan, Zhejiang [Japan, Russia (Far East)].


**毛脉柳叶菜** mao mai liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, erect, with leafy basal soboles, elongated rosettes, or rarely fleshy stolons. Stems (10–)20–150 cm tall, simple or branched, densely strigillose, often mixed with glandular hairs on upper parts, with 2(0 or 4) ± distinct raised strigillose lines emergent from margins of petioles, or rarely subgla- brous throughout. Leaves subsessile or petioles 1–6 mm; cau-
18a. Epilobium amurense subsp. amurense

毛脉柳叶菜 (原亚种) mao mai liu ye cai (yuán yà zhòng)

Epilobium amurense subsp. laetum (Wallich ex Haussknecht) P. H. Raven; E. gansuense H. Léveillé; E. laetum Wallich ex Haussknecht; E. miyabei H. Léveillé; E. nepalense Haussknecht; E. origanifolium Lamarck var. pubescens Maximowicz; E. ovale Takeda; E. tenue Komarov; E. yabei H. Léveillé.

Herbs perennial, erect, with short leafy basal soboles. Stems (10–)20–50(–80) cm tall, simplicissimo, sparsely strigillose below with two raised densely strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petiole, or rarely stem subglabrous. Leaves subsessile or barely raised ones with petioles 1–4 mm; cauline blade oblong-lanceolate to narrowly ovate, 3.5–9.5 × 0.8–2.5 cm, margin sharply denticulate with 13–35 teeth per side. Inflorescence strigillose or very rarely subglabrous. Sepals 3.8–6 mm, sparsely and evenly strigillose or rarely subglabrous. Petals 4.5–7 mm. Fl. Jun–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 36.

Wet areas along streams, roadside ditches at low elevations or in mountains in south; 600–2100 m. Anhui, Fujian, Gansu, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan, Taiwan, Xizang, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Japan, Korea, Russia (Far East)].


矮生柳叶菜 ai sheng liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, loosely clumped or matted with fleshy soboles 2–6 cm below ground, caudex with scales. Stems 8–25 cm tall, simple or rarely branched, strigillose and scarcely glandular above, subglabrous below with 2 raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petiole. Leaves crowded, subsessile above, lower ones with petioles to 2 mm; cauline blade oblong-lanceolate to narrowly ovate or rarely subglabrous. Leaves subglabrous, with two faint strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petiole or rarely subglabrous. Leaves subglabrous or rarely glandular above, subglabrous below with 2 raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petiole or rarely glandular above. Inflorescence slightly nodding in bud; flowers suberect. Sepals 3.5–5.5 cm, subglabrous; pedicels 0.4–1.2 cm. Seeds dark brown, 1.4–1.6 mm, finely papillose, with short calyzal collar; coma white, easily detached. Fl. Aug–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. Chromosome number unknown.

* Shaded moist slopes along rivers and streams; 3300–3700 m. W Sichuan, SE Xizang, NW Yunnan.


滇藏柳叶菜 dian zang liu ye cai

Epilobium ducloixii H. Léveillé; E. mairei H. Léveillé; E. souliei H. Léveillé; E. sykesii P. H. Raven; E. tanguticum Haussknecht; E. wallichianum subsp. souliei (H. Léveillé) P. H. Raven.

Herbs perennial, erect or ascending, with leafy basal soboles. Stems 15–80 cm tall, simple to well-branched, sparsely strigillose and glandular above, subglabrous below with 4 or...
rarely 2 raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles, usually 4-angled. Leaves subleathery, subsessile; cauline blade oblong or elliptic to subovate, 2–6 × 0.6–2.5 cm, subglabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base subrounded or subcordate to broadly cuneate, margin serrulate with 10–25 teeth per side, apex obtuse or acute. Inflorescence and flowers often nodding. Sepals 4–8 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, 5.5–13 mm. Stigma capitulate to broadly clavate, entire. Capsules 3.8–7.5 cm, sparsely strigillose and glandular; pedicels 1–2.5 cm. Seeds brown, 0.9–1 mm, low papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma dull white, detaching easily. Fl. (May–)Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36.

Moist places along rivers, streams, and bogs, and along forest margins in mountains; (1300–)1800–4100 m. Gansu, Guizhou, Hubei, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, NE India (Assam, W Bengal, Sikkim), Myanmar, Nepal].


大花柳叶菜 da hua liu ye cai


Herbs perennial, erect, often clumped, with fleshy turions just below ground that leave brown basal scales. Stems 10–70 cm tall, branched or simple, strigillose and sparsely glandular above, glabrous below with raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves sessile above, lower ones with petioles 2–8 mm; cauleine blade ovate to broadly lanceolate above to obovate below, 2–7 × 1.2–2.6 cm, subglabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base rounded, margin sharply denticate with 15–20 teeth per side or subentire below, apex subacuminate. Inflorescence and flowers nodding to suberect. Sepals 4–7.5 mm. Petals bright rose-purple, (7–)10–16 mm. Stigma subcapitate, entire. Capsules 3.5–7.5 cm, sparsely strigillose, erect and appressed to stem; pedicels 0.1–1 cm. Seeds brown, 1.2–1.5 mm, finely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36.

Along rocky streams in mountains; 2500–4300 m. Xinjiang [India, Pakistan; SW Asia].


雪鳞柳叶菜 xue lin liu ye cai

**Epilobium sikkimense** (Bentham ex C. B. Clarke) Hausskn.; *E. ludlowianum* P. H. Raven; *E. soboliferum* P. H. Raven; *E. squamosum* P. H. Raven; *E. trilectum* P. H. Raven.

Herbs perennial, erect, often clumped, with thick fleshy petioles just at or below ground level that leave brown basal scales. Stems (5–)10–25–(60) cm tall, simple or sometimes branched, glabrous except for 2(0 or 4) raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles, or sometimes strigillose and glandular on inflorescence. Leaves sessile and slightly clasping above, lower ones with petioles to 3 mm; cauleine blade ovate to elliptic or oblong-lanceolate, narrower below, (0.8–)1.5–7.5 × (0.6–)1–3.7 cm, glabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base broadly cuneate or rounded, margin serrulate with 10–35 teeth per side, apex subobtuse to acute. Inflorescence and flowers nodding to suberect. Sepals 5.5–8 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, 7–14 mm. Stigma capitulate, entire. Capsules 5–9 cm, sparsely strigillose and glandular; pedicels 0.6–2(–2.5) cm. Seeds gray-brown, 1–1.3 mm, coarsely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. (Jun–)Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36*.

High montane and alpine meadows, moist rocky slopes along streams, rocky glacial outwash and gravel bars; (2400–)3200–4700 m. Gansu, Qinghai, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [Bhutan, NE India (Darjeeling, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh), Myanmar, Nepal; Himalayan region].


埋鳞柳叶菜 mai lin liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, clumped or matted, with fleshy, elongated soboles 1.5–7 cm that leave brown basal scales. Stems 4–17(–25) cm tall, usually branched from base or simple, strigillose and glandular above, subglabrous or sparsely strigillose below with faint raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves crowded, subleathery, sessile or petiolar to 2 mm; cauleine blade ovate to elliptic-ovate, 0.7–2.2 × 0.3–1 cm, subglabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base subrounded to broadly cuneate or subcordate, margin serrulate with 6–18–(26) teeth per side, apex acute to subacuminate. Inflorescence and flowers nodding to suberect. Sepals 3–4.5 mm. Petals rose-purple, 5–6.5 mm. Stigma capitulate, entire. Capsules 3.5–5(–6) cm, sparsely strigillose; pedicels 4–10 mm. Seeds gray-brown, 0.9–1(–1.2) mm finely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. Chromosome number unknown.

Open alpine meadows, moist places by streams, or on gravel banks of glacial lakes in high mountains; (2900–)3400–4900 m. Qinghai, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan [India, Myanmar, Nepal].


亚革质柳叶菜 ya ge zhi liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, erect, with fleshy turions that leave brown basal scales. Stems often reddish green, 15–45 cm tall, simple or branched, sparsely strigillose and glandular on inflorescence, otherwise subglabrous with distinct raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subleathery, sessile or petioles to 3 mm; cauleine blade narrowly ovate to lanceolate, 1.5–5.5 × 0.5–1.5 cm, subglabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base broadly cuneate, margin serrate with 13–22 teeth per side, apex acute. Inflorescence and flowers slightly nodding. Sepals 3.5–6 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, 5.5–11 mm. Stigma capitulate, entire. Capsules 3–7 cm, sparsely strigillose and glandular; pedicels 0.4–1.2 cm. Seeds brown, 1.1–1.5 mm, coarsely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. Chromosome number unknown.
Herbs perennial, erect, with rounded, fleshy turions that leave brown leathery basal scales. Stems often reddish green, 23–30 cm tall, strict, simple or scarcely branched, sparsely strigillose and glabular on inflorescence, otherwise glabrous except for raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves herbaceous, sessile; caudine blade ovate, 2–3 × 1–1.4 cm, subglabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base broadly rounded, margin acutely serrulate with 16–28 teeth per side, apex acute to shortly acuminate. Inflorescence and flowers slightly nodding. Sepals 3.5–4.5 mm, sparsely strigillose with tufts of long spreading hairs at junctures of sepal bases. Petals rose-purple, 4.5–5.5 mm. Stigma clavate to subcapitate, entire. Capsules 4.5–6 cm, sparsely strigillose and glabular; pedicels 0.6–1.5 cm. Seeds light brown, 0.9–1 mm, papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma white, detaching easily. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. Chromosome number 2n = 36.

Wet places along streams, rivers, bogs, and marshes, often disturbed, and in subalpine meadows, widespread; 200–4500(–5000) m. Gansu, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Xizang, Yunnan [India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia; widespread in C, N, and SW Asia, Europe, and North America (including Greenland)].


多枝柳叶菜 duo zhi liu ye cai

Epilobium baikalense Popov.

Herbs perennial, erect, with short leafy soboles or rarely short filiform stolons with scattered cataphylls. Stems 7–50(–80) cm tall, simple to densely branched, densely strigillose throughout, mixed with glandular hairs on inflorescence, often subglabrous below, lacking raised lines. Leaves sessile or lower ones with petioles to 2 mm; caudine blade lanceolate-elliptic to lanceolate-oblong, 2–7 × 0.3–1.7 cm, sparsely strigillose axially and on abaxial veins, base cuneate or subrounded, margin subentire, apex acute or obtuse. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Sepals 2.5–3.3 mm, slightly keeled. Petals white, 3.4–4.7 mm. Stigma subcapitate to clavate, entire. Capsules 1.7–7 cm, strigillose, sparsely glandular; pedicels 0.9–2.1 cm. Seeds brown, 0.9–1.3 mm, minutely papillose, with inconspicuous chalazal collar; coma tawny, persistent. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36*.

Wet areas along streams, lakes, bogs, grassy meadows; 400–2000(–3300) m. Gansu, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Ningxia, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Sichuan [Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Russia (Dauria to Ususi regions)].


细籽柳叶菜 xi zi liu ye cai

Epilobium decipiens Haussknecht (1879), not F. Schultz (1861); E. modestum Haussknecht; E. propinquum Haussknecht; E. tetragonum Linnaeus var. minutiflorum (Haussknecht) Boissier.

Herbs perennial, erect, with short, fleshy basal soboles or leafy rosettes. Stems 15–100 cm tall, well-branched or rarely simple, densely strigillose throughout, with inconspicuous glandular

- Moist places in mountains, along streams, boggy areas, and disturbed places; 2400–3700 m. Gansu, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Xizang, Yunnan.


鳞根柳叶菜 lin gen liu ye cai

Epilobium palustre C. B. Clarke; E. tetragonum Haussknecht; E. propinquum Haussknecht; E. cystiphorum Haussknecht; E. rhynchocarpum Boissier.

Herbs perennial, erect, with filiform stolons terminating in small fleshy turions that leave brown basal scales. Stems (5–)15–70 cm tall, simple or well-branched, strigillose throughout or subglabrous on lower part, rarely with lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves sessile or petioles to 3 mm; caudine blade sublinear to narrowly lanceolate or elliptic, 1.2–7 × 0.3–1.2(–1.9) cm, sparsely strigillose adaxially and on abaxial veins or rarely glabrescent, base rounded or cuneate, margin entire to obscurely denticulate with 5–9 teeth per side, occasionally revolute, apex acute or obtuse. Inflorescence erect or slightly nodding in bud, densely strigillose, sometimes with glandular hairs; flowers erect. Sepals 2.5–4.5 mm. Petals white to pink, 3–7(–9) mm. Stigma clavate to subcylindric, entire. Capsules 3–9 cm, strigillose; pedicels 1–5 cm. Seeds brown, (1.1–)1.3–2.2 mm, finely papillose, with prominent chalazal collar 0.08–0.3 mm; coma dull white or rarely tawny, not easily detaching. Fl. Jun–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36.

Wet places along streams, rivers, bogs, and marshes, often disturbed, and in subalpine meadows, widespread; 200–4500(–5000) m. Gansu, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Qinghai, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Xizang, Yunnan [India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia; widespread in C, N, and SW Asia, Europe, and North America (including Greenland)].


川西柳叶菜 chuan xi liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, erect, with fleshy, elongated turions 2–3.5 cm underground that leave brown leathery basal scales. Stems 25–40 cm tall, simple or branched, strigillose throughout with scattered glandular hairs above and faint raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Petiole 1–4(–6) mm; caudine leaf blade elliptic to elliptic-oblong, 1.5–4 × 0.5–1.5 cm, subglabrous except for strigillose veins and margin, subleathery, base cuneate to broadly so, margin obscurely serrulate with 5–18 teeth per side, apex subobtuse or acute. Inflorescence and flowers erect. Sepals 4–5 mm, keeled. Petals pink to rose-purple, 6–7.5 mm. Stigma capitgate, entire. Capsule 3–7 cm, sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.5–1.5 cm. Seeds brown, 1.1–1.4 mm, finely papillose, with short chalazal collar; coma dingy white, detaching easily. Fl. May–Jul(–Aug), fr. Jun–Aug(–Oct). 2n = 36*.

- Open places along streams, bases of rock walls or scree slopes; (1100–)1700–3500 m. W Sichuan, N Yunnan.


沼生柳叶菜 zhao sheng liu ye cai

Epilobium fischerianum Pavlov; E. palustre var. lavanduli Lecoq & Lamotte ex Haussknecht; E. palustre var. majus C. B. Clarke; E. palustre var. minimum C. B. Clarke; E. rhynchocarpum Boissier.

Herbs perennial, erect, with filiform stolons terminating in small fleshy turions that leave brown basal scales. Stems
hairs on inflorescence, often subglabrous below, with inconspicuous lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile above, lower ones with petioles 1–6 mm; cauline blade oblong-lanceolate to narrowly ovate, 2–7 × 0.4–1.7 cm, glabrous except for strigillose margin and veins, base cuneate or subrounded, margin serrulate with 20–41 teeth per side, apex obtuse or acute. Inflorescence suberec before anthesis; flowers erect. Sepals 2.4–4 mm, sometimes keeled. Petals white, rarely pink or rose, 3.4–3.5 cm. Stigma clavate to subcapitate, entire. Capsules 3–8 cm, strigillose or rarely glabrescent; pedicels 0.5–2 cm. Seeds brown, 0.8–1.2 mm, minutely papillos, with conspicuous chalazal collar 0.08–0.12 mm; coma white, detaching readily. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep. 2n = 36.

Frequent in moist places by streams, bogs, roadside ditches in otherwise low, warm areas; 500–1800 m. Gansu, Hebei, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Ningxia, Shaanxi, Shanxi, Xinjiang, Xizang [Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan; SW Asia].


**Epilobium glandulosum** Lehmann var. asiaticum H. Har; *E. glandulosum* var. kurilense (Nakai) H. Har; *E. kurilense* Nakai; *E. maximowiczii* Haussknecht; *E. punctatum* H. Léveillé.

Herbs perennial, erect, with compact leafy rosettes or rarely fleshy turions that leave brown leathery basal scales. Stems 10–25 cm tall, ascending, simple or sparsely branched, strigillose on upper stem, glabrescent below with inconspicuous strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile above, lower ones with petioles to 2 mm; cauline blade ovate-elliptic to subobovate below, 1.1–1.6 × 0.5–0.8 cm, glabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base broadly cuneate or subrounded, margin denticulate with 3–8 teeth per side, apex obtuse to subacute. Inflorescence and flowers nodding. Sepals 2.3–3 mm, keeled. Petals white, 5–6 mm. Stigma capitate, entire. Capsules 3.5–4 cm, sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.6–0.7 cm. Seeds light brown, 0.8–0.9 mm, reticulate, with short chalazal collar; coma white, readily detaching. Fl. May–Jul, fr. Jul–Aug. Chromosome number unknown.

Wet, boggy places in mountains; 3600–4500 m. Yunnan [NE India (Sikkim), Myanmar].


**Epilobium anagallidifolium** Lamarck, Encycl. 2: 376. 1786.

Herbs perennial, loosely clumped, with short soboles that leave brown leathery basal scales. Stems ascending, 7–25 cm tall, simple or sparsely branched, strigillose on upper stem, subglabrous below with raised strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile above, lower ones with petioles to 2 mm; cauline blade ovate to lanceolate above to broadly elliptic below, 1.5–2.5 × 0.8–1.2 cm, subglabrous except for strigillose margin and veins, base rounded above to cuneate below, margin denticulate with 7–12 teeth per side, apex acute above to obtuse below. Inflorescence nodding; flowers erect. Sepals 4.5–5.5 mm. Petals white, fading to pink, 5–6.5 mm. Stigma capitate, entire. Capsules 4.5–5 cm, strigillose; pedicels 1.5–2 cm. Seeds light brown, 1–1.1 mm, reticulate, with short chalazal collar; coma dingy white, persistent. Fl. Jul–Sep, fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 36*.

* Moist, sheltered places along streams and seeps in alpine areas; 3100–3700 m. Taiwan.

33. Epilobium anagallidifolium Lamarck, Encycl. 2: 376. 1786.

**Epilobium alpinum** Linnaeus, nom. utique rej.; *E. dielsii* H. Léveillé; *E. nakaharanum* Nakai.

Herbs perennial, forming low mats, with thin, leafy epigeous soboles. Stems many, ascending or sigmoidally bent, 3–20 cm tall, simple, subglabrous throughout or strigillose on upper stem with scattered glandular hairs, with sparsely strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile above, lower ones with petioles 1–6 mm; cauline blade spatulate to oblong basally, elliptic at mid-stem, lanceolate in upper pairs, 0.8–2.5 × 0.25–1 cm, subglabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base attenuate to cuneate, margin subentire to barely denticulate on upper leaves, apex obtuse to

雅致柳叶菜 ya zhi liu ye cai

Herbs perennial, loosely clumped, with short soboles that leave brown leathery basal scales. Stems 10–20 cm tall, ascending, simple or branched basally, sparsely strigillose on upper stem, glabrescent below with inconspicuous strigillose lines decurrent from margins of petioles. Leaves subsessile above, lower ones with petioles to 2 mm; cauline blade ovate-elliptic to subobovate below, 1.1–1.6 × 0.5–0.8 cm, glabrous except for sparsely strigillose margin and midvein, base broadly cuneate or subrounded, margin denticulate with 3–8 teeth per side, apex obtuse to subacute. Inflorescence and flowers nodding. Sepals 2.3–3 mm, keeled. Petals white, 5–6 mm. Stigma capitate, entire. Capsules 3.5–4 cm, sparsely strigillose; pedicels 0.6–0.7 cm. Seeds light brown, 0.8–0.9 mm, reticulate, with short chalazal collar; coma white, readily detaching. Fl. May–Jul, fr. Jul–Aug. Chromosome number unknown.

Wet, boggy places in mountains; 3600–4500 m. Yunnan [NE India (Sikkim), Myanmar].

subacute above. Inflorescence nodding in bud, suberect later; flowers suberect. Sepals 1.5–5 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, rarely white, 2.5–6.5 mm. Stigma broadly clavate or subcapitate, entire. Capsules 1.7–3.6 cm, subglabrous or with scattered short hairs; pedicels 1–3.5(–5) cm. Seeds light brown, 0.7–1.4 mm, reticulate or rarely low papillose, with short chalazal col-

Moist rockslides, talus slopes, and gravelly areas near streams or seeps in high montane and alpine regions; 1300–1500[–4000] m. Xinjiang [Japan, Russia; widespread across N Asia, Europe, and North America].


Chen Jiarui 陈家瑞 Chen Chia-jui); Peter C. Hoch, Warren L. Wagner

Annual, biennial or perennial herbs, caulescent or aculeaceous, with a taproot or fibrous roots, occasionally with rhizomes or shoots arising from spreading lateral roots. Leaves alternate or in a basal rosette that often is absent in mature plants, entire, toothed to pinnatifid; stipules absent. Flowers perfect, actinomorphic, in axils of upper leaves, when numerous forming terminal leafy spikes, racemes, or corymb, opening near sunset or near sunrise. Floral tube usually well developed, cylindric and somewhat flared near mouth, deciduous soon after anthesis. Sepals 4, green or yellowish, often tinged or striped red or purple. Petals 4, yellow, purple, pink, or white. Stamens 8; anthers versatile; pollen shed singly. Ovary with 4 locules; ovules numerous; stigma divided into 4 linear lobes, receptive all around, and subtended by a conspicuous ringlike indusium in early development, but often obscured when receptive. Fruit a dehiscent capsule [rarely indehiscent outside of China], straight or curved, terete to 4-angled or winged, sessile, occasionally pedicellate, or basal portion sterile and stipelike. Seeds numerous, in 1 or 2(3) rows or in clusters in each of 4 locules. 2n = 14, 28, 42, 56.

One hundred and twenty-one species: open, often disturbed habitats in temperate to subtropical areas of North, Central, and South America, with the center of diversity in SW North America; ten species (all naturalized within the past 200 years) in China.

Oenothera is currently divided into 15 sections, only three of which are represented in China. An evolutionary phenomenon that has occurred repeatedly in Oenothera (52 species) and several other genera of tribe Onagraceae is permanent translocation heterozygosity, a peculiar, specialized genetic system based on heterozygosity for successive chromosomal translocations and manifested by autogamy and formation of a ring of 14 chromosomes at meiotic metaphase I (for reviews see Cleland, Oenothera Cytogenetics and Evolution. 1972; Holsinger and Ellstrand, Amer. Naturalist 124: 48–71. 1984). Permanent translocation heterozygote individuals breed true for their series of reciprocal translocations and are maintained by either balanced lethals or selective fertilization. These plants are essentially clonal. Many species of Oenothera that have become naturalized outside their natural range are permanent translocation heterozygotes, as noted in their descriptions.

Several ornamental species of Oenothera are known only from cultivation in China, often in Beijing, Kunming, or other botanical gardens. For example, O. macrocarpa Nuttall subsp. macrocarpa (O. sect. Megapterum (Spach) Endlicher) is native to the Great Plains region of C North America but has never become naturalized outside of its indigenous distribution because it is a self-incompatible outcrosser with rather specific habitat requirements. It can be distinguished by its large, yellow corollas (up to 14 cm in diam. at anthesis), 4-winged capsules (wings up to 3.4 cm wide), floral tube (7.8–)9.5–11.5(–14) cm, and coarsely rugose, distally winged seeds. A second species, O. caudata Cavaniolles (O. sect. Lavauxia (Spach) Endlicher, O. subsect. Australus W. L. Wagner & Dietrich), likewise known only from cultivation in China, is native to S South America and is characterized by white petals and capsules winged in the distal half.

1a. Petals white, pink, or purple; capsules clavate or obovoid, valves sharply angled, winged or ridged, proximally narrowed into a tapering, sterile stipe; seeds in indistinct rows or clusters in each locule. 2a. Petals 16–38 mm, white, fading to rose-purple; sepal 16–32 mm; leaf margin weakly serrate to sinuate-pinnatifid, often with large terminal lobe; pollen ca. 90% fertile ................................................................. 9. O. tetraperta

2b. Petals 5–12 mm, pink to rose purple; sepals 5–10 mm; leaf margin subentire to coarsely dentate, sometimes sinuate-pinnatifid at leaf base; pollen ca. 50% fertile .................................................................................. 10. O. rosea

1b. Petals yellow, at least before fading; capsules lanceoloid or cylindrical, sometimes slightly enlarged toward apex, valves acute or obtuse to rounded, not narrowed toward base into a sterile stipe; seeds in two rows in each locule. 3a. Capsules cylindrical and ± slightly enlarged toward apex; erect to procumbent annual or short-lived perennial herbs, 5–80(–100) cm tall, rarely biennial; flowers few in upper axils; seeds ellipsoid, brown to dark brown.

4a. Floral tube 25–50 mm; sepals 13–33 mm; petals 20–45 mm; stigma exerted beyond anthers at anthesis; pollen ca. 90% fertile; flowers primarily outcrossing ......................................................... 7. O. drummondii

4b. Floral tube 12–35 mm; sepals 5–25 mm; petals 5–25(–35) mm; stigma surrounded by anthers at anthesis; pollen ca. 50% fertile; flowers primarily self-pollinating.

5a. Leaf margin deeply lobed to dentate; sepals 5–15 mm; petals 5–22 mm, yellow to pale yellow; capsule cylindrical throughout .......................................................................................................................... 6. O. laciniata

5b. Leaf margin serrate and usually somewhat undulate; sepals 12–25 mm; petals 15–25(–35) mm, yellow, often with basal red spot; capsule cylindrical, enlarged toward apex ........................................................................ 8. O. stricta

3b. Capsules lanceoloid; coarse erect biennial herbs (10)–30–200 cm tall; flowers numerous in generally dense spikes; seeds irregularly angled, dark brown to black.

O. parviflora

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6a. Floral tube 35–50 mm; stigma elevated above anthers at anthesis, flowers mostly outcrossed; petals 35–50 mm; leaf surface often crinkled ................................................................. 3. O. glazioviana
6b. Floral tube 15–40 mm; stigma surrounded by anthers at anthesis, flowers mostly self-pollinating; petals 7–25(–30) mm; leaf surface smooth.

7a. Free sepals tips 0.5–3 mm, apical; dry capsules grayish green or dull green; apex of inflorescence erect.

8a. Leaves grayish green, with prominent pale green veins; sepals 9–18 mm; stems ± exclusively densely strigillose; inflorescence dense, apex truncate from widely spreading bracts ................. 1. O. villosa
8b. Leaves pale green, with inconspicuous veins; sepals 12–22(–28) mm; stems densely or sparsely strigillose and villous; inflorescence relatively open, apex obtuse from erect to slightly spreading bracts ................................................................. 2. O. biennis

7b. Free sepals tips 0.5–5 mm, distinctly subapical; dry capsules rusty brown to black; apex of inflorescence usually curved or sigmoid.

9a. Stems 10–60 cm tall, erect or procumbent, lower portions conspicuously pubescent; leaves grayish green, with inconspicuous veins; capsules dark to dull green, sometimes reddish, drying rusty brown ................................................................. 4. O. oakesiana
9b. Stems 30–150 mm tall, erect, lower portions inconspicuously pubescent; leaves bright green, with white or red veins; capsules dark green, often drying black ........................................... 5. O. parviflora


O. erythrosepala (Borbás) Borbás; Onagra erythrosepala Borbás.

Herbs erect, biennial to short-lived perennial, with basal rosette. Stems 50–150 cm tall, usually branched throughout, densely to very sparingly strigillose, with long suberect red pubescent-based hairs, and glandular hairs on inflorescence. Leaves dark to bright green, with inconspicuous veins, surface often crinkled, villous to strigillose, sessile to shortly petiolate; rosette blade 13–30 × 3–5 cm; cauleine blade narrowly elliptic to lanceolate or oblanceolate, 5–15 × 2.5–4 cm, base attenuate to narrowly cuneate, margin remotely dentate, usually undulate toward base, apex acute to subobtuse. Inflorescence a dense unbranched spike. Flowers open near sunset; floral tube 2.2(–2.8) cm, with free tips 1.5–3 mm, erect. Petals yellow, fading to orange, 1.2–2.5(–3) cm. Anthers 3–6(–9) mm; pollen ca. 50% fertile. Ovary densely glandular pubescent and sparsely villous or with very sparse pubescent-based hairs, sometimes only densely strigillose; stigma surrounded by anthers. Capsules green, narrowly lanceoloid to lanceoloid, 2–4 cm, sessile. Seeds in two rows per locule, brown to nearly black, 1.1–2 mm, irregularly pitted. Fl. Jul–Oct, fr. Jul–Nov. 2n = 14, permanent translocation heterozygote; self-compatible, autogamous.

Common in open, disturbed areas; near sea level to 1500 m. Anhui, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jinlin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan (Bhutan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Russia; native to E North America; widely naturalized in SW Asia, Europe, Pacific islands (New Zealand), and S South America).

The seeds of this species contain gamma linolenic acid (GLA), an anti-inflammatory compound of potential therapeutic use for cardiovascular disorders, arthritis, and other human diseases. The cultivation of these plants as a source of GLA has increased recently, and the species has become naturalized widely in China.


Oenotheraerythrosepala (Borbás) Borbás; Onagra erythrosepala Borbás.

Herbs erect, biennial, with taproot and basal rosette. Stems 30–200 cm tall, simple or sparsely branched, especially densely strigillose, or sometimes with few subappressurized or spreading pustulate-based hairs or few glandular hairs on floral tube. Leaves gray-green, with prominent pale green veins, especially abaxially, sessile; rosette blade 10–30 × 1.2–4(–5) cm; cauleine blade narrowly lanceolate or oblanceolate to elliptic, 5–20 × 1–2.5(–4) cm, base obtuse to attenuate, margin conspicuously dentate, apex acute. Inflorescence a dense unbranched spike. Flowers open near sunset; floral tube (2–)2.5–4 cm. Sepals 1.2–2.2(–2.8) cm, with free tips 1.5–3 mm, erect. Petals yellow, fading to orange, 1.2–2.5(–3) cm. Anthers 3–6(–9) mm; pollen ca. 50% fertile. Ovary densely glandular pubescent and sparsely villous or with only densely strigillose; stigma surrounded by anthers. Capsules green, narrowly lanceoloid to lanceoloid, 2–4 cm, sessile. Seeds in two rows per locule, brown to nearly black, 1.1–2 mm, irregularly pitted. Fl. Jul–Oct, fr. Jul–Nov. 2n = 14, permanent translocation heterozygote; self-compatible, autogamous.

Common in open, disturbed areas; near sea level to 1200 m. Heilongjiang, Jinlin, Liaoning [native to EC North America; naturalized in Japan, Russia (Far East), and widely in S Africa, Asia, Europe, and S South America].

Open disturbed sites, seasonally moist but often somewhat dryer sites than O. biennis and O. parviflora; near sea level to 1200 m. Heilongjiang, Jinlin, Liaoning [native to EC North America; naturalized in Japan, Russia (Far East), and widely in S Africa, Asia, Europe, and S South America].
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Herbs erect, biennial, with taproot and basal rosette. Stems 30–150 cm tall, simple or sparsely branched, sparsely stipulose (sometimes only lower parts) mixed with glandular and long spreading pubescent hairs. Leaves bright green, with white or red veins, stipulose to subglabrous, sessile to shortly peltate; rosette blade 10–30 × 1–4 cm; cauleine blade lanceolate to narrowly elliptic or narrowly oblanceolate, 4–18 × 1–3 cm, base attenuate, margin dentate, apex acute. Inflorescence a dense simple or sparsely branched spike, apex often nodding or curved. Flowers open near sunset; floral tube 2.2–4 cm. Sepals 7–17 mm, with free tips 0.5–5 mm, ± subapical. Petals yellow to pale yellow, fading to orange or dull yellow, 8–15(–20) mm. Anthers 3.5–6 mm; pollen ca. 50% fertile. Ovary stipulose, with some spreading, pubescent-based, and/or glandular hairs; stigma surrounded by anthers. Capsules dark green, drying nearly black, narrowly lanceolate to lanceolate, 2–4 cm, sessile. Seeds in two rows per locule, brown to dark brown, 1.1–1.8 mm, irregularly pitted. Fl. Jul–Sep(–Oct), fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 14, permanent translocation heterozygote; self-compatible, autogamous.

Oenothera biennis Linnaeus var. parviflora (Linnaeus) Torrey & A. Gray.

Herbs erect, biennial, with taproot and basal rosette. Stems 30–150 cm tall, simple or sparsely branched, sparsely stipulose (sometimes only lower parts) mixed with glandular and long spreading pubescent hairs. Leaves bright green, with white or red veins, stipulose to subglabrous, sessile to shortly peltate; rosette blade 10–30 × 1–4 cm; cauleine blade lanceolate to narrowly elliptic or narrowly oblanceolate, 4–18 × 1–3 cm, base attenuate, margin dentate, apex acute. Inflorescence a dense simple or sparsely branched spike, apex often nodding or curved. Flowers open near sunset; floral tube 2.2–4 cm. Sepals 7–17 mm, with free tips 0.5–5 mm, ± subapical. Petals yellow to pale yellow, fading to orange or dull yellow, 8–15(–20) mm. Anthers 3.5–6 mm; pollen ca. 50% fertile. Ovary stipulose, with some spreading, pubescent-based, and/or glandular hairs; stigma surrounded by anthers. Capsules dark green, drying nearly black, narrowly lanceolate to lanceolate, 2–4 cm, sessile. Seeds in two rows per locule, brown to dark brown, 1.1–1.8 mm, irregularly pitted. Fl. Jul–Sep(–Oct), fr. Aug–Oct. 2n = 14, permanent translocation heterozygote; self-compatible, autogamous.

Open, usually disturbed sites, roadside ditches; near sea level to 1000 m. Hebei, Liaoning [Japan; native to E North America; widely naturalized in S Africa, Europe, and Pacific islands (New Zealand)].
Oenothera littoralis Schlechtendal.

Herbs erect to procumbent, annual to perennial, usually without rosette, often with decumbent lateral branches terminating in a rosette. Stems 10–50 cm tall, stiff, simple or branched, densely strigillose, sometimes also villous, glandular puberulous on inflorescence. Leaves grayish green, with inconspicuous veins, densely strigillose, sometimes also glandular puberulous, sessile above, petioles 2–12 mm below; basal blade 5–14 × 1–2 cm; cauleine blade narrowly obovate or elliptic to broadly obovate, 1–8 × 0.5–2.5 cm, base attenuate, margin shallowly dentate to subentire, rarely lyrate, apex acute to rounded. Inflorescence a lax open spike. Flowers open near sunset, one per stem per day; floral tube 2.5–5 cm, upcurved in bud. Sepals 1.3–3.3 cm, with free tips 1–3 mm, apical, erect and appressed. Petals yellow, 2–4.5 cm. Anthers 4–12 mm; pollen 90%–100% fertile. Ovary densely strigillose to villous, sometimes also glandular puberulous; stigma exserted above anthers. Capsules cylindric, 2.5–5.5 cm, sessile. Seeds in two rows per locule, brown with darker flecks, ellipsoid to suborbicular, 1.1–2 cm, pitted. Fl. May–Nov, fr. Jun–Dec. 2n = 14; self-compatible, modally outcrossing.

Coastal dunes and other sandy, often disturbed areas; near sea level to 400 m. Fujian, Guangdong [North America: native to coastal areas of SE United States and NE Mexico, naturalized in Africa, SW Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America].


待宵草 dai xiao cao

Herbs erect or rarely decumbent, annual or biennial, often with basal rosette. Stems 25–100 cm tall, simple or barely branched, strigillose, often with spreading and glandular hairs. Leaves green, with inconspicuous veins, strigillose, sessile to shortly petiolate; rosette leaves 10–25 × 0.8–2.5 cm; cauleine leaves very narrowly elliptic to lanceolate or oblanceolate, 6–18 × 0.6–2.5 cm, base attenuate, rounded, or cordate, margin serrate and usually somewhat undulate, apex acute. Inflorescence a lax open simple or branched spike. Flowers open near sunset, one or several per day; floral tube 2.3–3.5 cm, erect in bud. Sepals 1.2–2.5 cm, with free tips 1–3 mm, erect. Petals yellow, often with a red spot at base, fading to reddish orange, 1.5–2.5 cm. Anthers 7–11 mm; pollen ca. 50% fertile. Ovary densely strigillose, with some longer spreading or glandular hairs; stigma surrounded by anthers. Capsules cylindric, somewhat enlarged toward apex, 2–4 cm, sessile. Seeds in two rows per locule, brown, ellipsoid, 1.4–1.8 mm, inconspicuously pitted. Fl. May–Nov, fr. Jun–Dec. 2n = 14, permanent translocation heterozygote; self-compatible, mostly autogamous.

Moist, disturbed habitats near streams, roadside ditches, usually escaped from cultivation; 600–2500 m. Fujian, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hubei, Jiangxi, Shaanxi, Shandong, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan [India, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, Russia, Sri Lanka; native to South America (Chile and Argentina); naturalized in Africa, SW Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and Pacific islands].

This species, sometimes cultivated for its relatively large, attractive flowers, often becomes naturalized in China and elsewhere. Many specimens from China have been determined as Oenothera odorata Jacquin; however, that species, also native to S South America but rarely, if ever, naturalized elsewhere, differs from O. stricta by having narrower leaves, larger petals that lack a red spot at the base, shorter floral tubes, and bracts mostly longer than the capsules they subtend.

9. Oenothera tetrapera Cavanilles, Icon. 3: 40. 1796.

四翅月见草 si chi yue jian cao

Herbs decumbent to ascending, annual or short-lived perennial, clumped to suffrutescent. Stems 15–50 cm tall, simple or branched, strigillose, often also moderately villous. Leaves green, with inconspicuous veins, strigillose, sessile above, petioles 2–8 mm below; basal blade elliptic to narrowly obovate, 3–10 × 1–3 cm; cauleine blade obovate to oblong-ovate, narrower above, 2–5 × 0.6–2.5 cm, base attenuate, margin weakly serrate to sinuate-pinnatifid, often with a large terminal lobe, apex acute to subacute. Inflorescence a lax open simple or branched raceme. Flowers open near sunset; floral tube 1–2.9 cm. Sepals 1.6–3.2 cm, with free tips 0.5–3.5 mm. Petals white, fading to rose-purple, 1.6–3.8 cm. Anthers 4–10 mm; pollen ca. 90%+ fertile. Ovary densely strigillose and villous; stigma exserted above anthers. Capsules claveate to obovoid, 7.5–18 mm, valves with wings 2–3 mm wide, attenuate to slender sterile stipe (pedicel) 5–37 mm. Seeds clustered in each locale, light brown, obovoid, 1.5 mm, papilllose. Fl. May–Aug, fr. Jun–Oct. 2n = 14; self-compatible, mostly outcrossing.

Moist disturbed places, mostly along roads and near gardens, where it is sometimes cultivated; 300–2200 m. Guizhou, Sichuan, Taiwan, Yunnan [native to S North America (including Mexico); naturalized in Sri Lanka, SW Asia, Australia, Central America, Europe, and N South America].


粉花月见草 fen hua hua yue jian cao

Herbs ascending to decumbent, perennial, rhizomatous and sometimes suffrutescent from woody caudex, rarely with basal rosette. Stems 7–65 cm, simple or branched, strigillose, sometimes with longer spreading hairs. Leaves green, with inconspicuous veins, glabrous to sparsely strigillose; petioles 3–20 mm; basal blade 2–5 × 0.5–2 cm; cauleine blade elliptic to obovate or oblong-ovate, 1–6 × 0.4–2.5 cm, base attenuate, margin subentire to coarsely dentate, sometimes sinuate-pinnatifid at leaf base, apex acute to obtuse. Inflorescence a lax open simple raceme. Flowers open near sunrise; floral tube 4–10 mm. Sepals 5–10 mm, with free tips 0.4–1 mm. Petals pink to rose-purple, 5–12 mm. Anthers 2–3.5 mm; pollen ca. 50% fertile. Ovary usually densely strigillose; stigma surrounded by anthers. Capsules claveate or narrowly obovate, 4–12 mm, valves angled or weakly winged, attenuate to slender sterile stipe (pedicel) 5–20 mm. Seeds in several indistinct rows per locule, brown with dark spot at each end, obovate, 0.5–1.2 mm, finely papilllose. Fl. May–Nov, fr. Jun–Dec. 2n = 14, permanent translocation heterozygote; self-compatible, autogamous.

Disturbed habitats along creeks and in low weedy places; 1000–2000 m. Guizhou, Jiangxi, Sichuan, Yunnan, Zhejiang [Japan; native to S North America and N South America, frequently cultivated and naturalized in SW Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America].

山桃草属  shan tao cao shu

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Annual, biennial or perennial herbs, caulescent, with a taproot or woody branching caudex, occasionally with rhizomes. Stems one to several, simple or much branched. Leaves alternate, basal rosette leaves largest, decreasing in size upward, entire or toothed, often lyrate below, shortly petiolate below to sub sessile above; stipules absent. Flowers perfect, zygomorphic to sometimes actinomorphic, forming a spicate raceme, not leafy, opening near sunset or near sunrise. Floral tube distinct, cylindric, deciduous soon after anthesis. Sepals (3 or)4, reflexed, green or yellowish. Petals (3 or)4, white, fading to reddish, rarely yellow, usually abruptly clawed. Stamens (6 or)8. Anthers versatile; pollen shed singly. Ovary with (3 or)4 locules, with 1(or 2) ovules per locule; stigma divided into (3 or)4 short linear lobes, receptive all around, and subtended by a ± conspicuous ringlike indusium. Fruit an indehiscent nutlike capsule with hard walls, broadly fusiform to subcylindric, terete to sharply (3 or)4-angled, sessile or basal portion sterile and stipelike. Seeds (1 or)2–4 per capsule, irregularly ovoid. 2n = 14, 28, 42, 56.

Twenty-one species: C and E North America to C Mexico; one species (naturalized) in China.

Two other species are known from cultivation. Gaura lindheimeri Engelmann & A. Gray is native to black-soil prairies of SC North America and is distinguished in part by its relatively large flowers (petals 1–1.5 cm), opening near sunrise, and sepals with long, erect hairs. It is commonly cultivated for its attractive flowers but is not known to be naturalized outside of its indigenous distribution; it is found in Hebei, Hong Kong, Jiangxi, and Zhejiang in China. Gaura biennis Linnaeus, native to a large area of C North America, has been in cultivation since ca. 1750; it is known from Yunnan in China but does not appear to be naturalized.

Recent molecular data demonstrate that Gaura, together with the unispecific genus Stenosiphon Spach, although comprising a monophyletic group, is embedded within the diverse genus Oenothera, and is best treated as part of that genus. The morphological characters used to delimit the genus—nutlike, indehiscent capsules with 1–4 seeds, flowers mostly zygomorphic, stigma lobes short—still delimit the group but now are viewed as specializations derived within Oenothera.

One of the earliest names in Onagraceae based on Chinese material was Gaura chinensis Loureiro (Fl. Cochinch. 1: 225. 1790). However, Merrill (Trans. Amer. Phil. Soc., n.s., 24(2): 39, 290. 1935) considered this to be one of Loureiro’s “grave errors” and, using Loureiro’s description, re-identified this taxon as a species of Haloragis J. R. Forster & G. Forster. Orchard (Bull. Auckland Inst. Mus. 10: 1–299. 1975) subsequently revised that group of Haloragaceae, and the species is currently treated as Gonocarpus chinensis (Loureiro) Orchard (see the following page).


小花山桃草  xiao hua shan tao cao

Herbs annual or short-lived biennial, vigorously growing, with a heavy taproot. Stems erect, 30–200(–300) cm tall, simple below to well-branched on inflorescence, soft villous throughout and usually also glandular pubescent; lower leaves often deciduous by time of flowering and lower stems then naked. Leaves grayish green, with inconspicuous veins, strigillose and sometimes villous; subsessile above to shortly petiolate below; basal blade 5–15 × 1–3 cm; cauline blade narrowly elliptic to broadly lanceolate or oblanceolate, 2–12.5 × 0.5–4 cm, base cuneate to attenuate, margin entire to sinuate-denticulate, apex acute to acuminate. Inflorescence one to many, slender, dense spicate racemes 5–45 cm, nodding at tips, subglabrous to densely hairy, ± ebracteate. Flowers open near sunset; floral tube 1.5–3 mm. Sepals 2–3.5 mm, without free tips. Petals pink to rose, 1.5–3 mm, without free tips. Petals pink to rose, 1.5–3 mm, without free tips. Anthers 0.8–1.1 mm; pollen ca. 90% fertile. Ovary glabrous or puberulous; stigma surrounded by anthers. Capsules indehiscent, reflexed at maturity, fusiform, weakly 4-ridged, 2–4-seeded, 5–11 mm, sessile. Seeds 2–3 mm. Fl. Apr–Sep, fr. May–Oct. 2n = 14; self-compatible, autogamous.

Weedy areas near cultivation, roadsides; 100–800 m. Anhui, Hebei, Henan, Hubei, Jiangsu, Shandong [native to EC North America (including Mexico); naturalized in Japan and widely in Australia and South America].