

7. HALOSTACHYS C. A. Meyer ex Schrenk, Bull. Cl. Phys.-Math. Acad. Imp. Sci. Saint-Pétersbourg, sér. 2, 1: 361. 1843.

盐穗木属 yan sui mu shu

Shrubs. Stems erect, branched; branches opposite, spreading, annual ones fleshy, jointed, densely papillate. Leaves opposite, undeveloped, scale-like. Inflorescences opposite, pedunculate, spicate; bracts opposite, scale-like; bractlets absent. Flowers axillary, 3 per bract, bisexual. Perianth 3-lobed; segments incurved. Stamens 1. Ovary compressed ovoid; stigmas 2, subulate, papillate. Fruit a utricle. Seed vertical, compressed ovoid; embryo semi-annular; perisperm present.

One species: Asia, SE Europe.

1. *Halostachys caspica* C. A. Meyer ex Schrenk, Bull. Cl. Phys.-Math. Acad. Imp. Sci. Saint-Pétersbourg, sér. 2, 1: 361. 1843.

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Salicornia caspica Pallas, Reise Russ. Reich. 1: 480. 1771, not Linnaeus (1753); *Arthrocnemum belangerianum* Moquin-Tandon; *Halocnemum caspicum* Marschall von Bieberstein; *Halostachys belangeriana* (Moquin-Tandon) Botschantzev.

Plants 15–200 cm tall. Stems erect, much branched; older

branches usually leafless, annual ones blue-green, fleshy, jointed, densely finely papillate. Leaves opposite, scale-like, connate basally, apex acute. Spikes decussate, terete, 15–30 × 2–3 mm; peduncle jointed. Perianth obovoid, apically 3-lobed; lobes incurved. Ovary ovoid; stigmas 2, subulate, papillate. Utricle ovoid; pericarp membranous. Seed red-brown, ovoid or cylindrical-ovoid, 6–7 mm in diam., subglabrous. Fl. and fr. Jul–Sep.

Saline-alkaline mud flats, valley salt-lake shores. W Gansu, Xinjiang [Afghanistan, Mongolia, Pakistan; SW Asia, SE Europe (Russian part)].

