

1. SARUMA Oliver, Hooker's Icon. Pl. 19: t. 1895. 1889.

马蹄香属 ma ti xiang shu

Herbs perennial, erect. Roots fragrant. Leaves alternate, cordate. Flowers borne on petiole (strictly terminal), solitary. Perianth biseriata, actinomorphic. Sepals basally connate, adnate to gynoecium and stamens forming calyx cup; lobes 3, ovate. Petals 3, free. Stamens 12 in 2 series; filaments inflated and incurved at apex; anthers functionally introrse (due to curvature). Ovary half-inferior; carpels 6, connate only at base. Fruit follicular, with persistent calyx. Seeds convex on 1 face, transversely rugose, with fleshy funicle.

- One species.

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Rhizomes robust, ca. 5 mm in diam. Stems 0.5–1 m tall, gray-brown pubescent. Petiole 3–12 cm, pubescent; leaf blade cordate, 6–15 × 5–13 cm, both surfaces pubescent, base cordate, apex shortly acuminate. Pedicel 2–3.5 cm, pubescent. Calyx lobes ca. 10 × 7 mm. Petals yellow or yellow-green, cordate-reniform, clawed, ca. 10 × 8 mm. Stamens overtopping

ovary; filaments ca. 2 mm; anthers oblong, with connectives slightly extended beyond anthers. Style absent; stigma decurrent along ventral surface of carpel. Fruit follicular, 6–8 × 4–6 mm. Seeds deltoid-obconic, ca. 3 mm, densely transversely rugose. Fl. Apr–Jul.

- Dense forests, valleys, stream banks; 600–1000 m. Gansu, Guizhou, Hubei, Jiangxi, Shaanxi, Sichuan.

This species is used medicinally.

