

**23. BRACHYBOTRYS** Maximowicz ex Oliver, Hooker's Icon. Pl. 13: 43. 1878.

山茄子属 shan qie zi shu

Herbs perennial, with divaricate rhizomes. Leaves nearly whorled at stem apex. Calyx 5-parted to base; lobes subulate-lanceolate, slightly enlarged in fruit. Corolla subcampanulate; tube shorter than limb; throat appendages triangular-trapeziform, apex somewhat 2-cleft; lobes of limb ovate-oblong, ca. 5 mm, apex obtuse. Stamens inserted below throat, exerted; filaments subulate, base slightly expanded; anthers oblong, base slightly cordate, apex mucronulate. Ovary 4-parted. Style filiform, markedly exerted from corolla. Gynobase nearly flat. Nutlets black, tetrahedral, pubescent, shiny.

One species: NE China, Korea, E Russia.

**1. *Brachybotrys paridiformis*** Maximowicz ex Oliver, Hooker's Icon. Pl. 13: 43. 1878.

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Rhizomes ca. 3 mm in diam. Stems erect, not branched at apex, 30–40 cm tall, sparsely short strigose. Lower stem leaves scalelike; petiole of middle stem leaves 3–5 cm; leaf blade obovate-oblong, 2–5 cm, abaxially villous, adaxially sparsely short strigose, narrowly winged; upper 5 or 6 leaves pseudo-whorled, short petiolate, obovate to obovate-elliptic, 6–12 × 2–5 cm, abaxially sparsely short strigose, adaxially subglabrous, base cuneate, apex short acuminate. Inflorescences terminal, ca. 5 mm, densely short strigose, ca. 6-flowered, ebracteate. Pedicel 4–15 mm. Flowers crowded on upper part of rachis. Calyx ca. 8 mm; lobes subulate-lanceolate, ca. 1.1 cm in fruit. Corolla purple, ca. 1.1 cm; tube ca. 1/2 as long as limb; appendages tongue-shaped; lobes ovate-oblong, ca. 6 mm. Stamens inserted below appendages; filaments ca. 4 mm; anthers exerted, ca. 3 mm, apex mucronulate. Style ca. 1.7 mm. Nutlets 3–3.5 mm, abaxial surfaces triangular-ovate, attachment scar near base. Fl. Apr–Jun.

$2n = 24$ .

Forests, hillside meadows, field margins. Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning [Korea, Russia (Primorye)].

The young leaves are used as a vegetable.

