

10. LATOCHEA Franchet, Bull. Soc. Bot. France 46: 212. 1899.

匙叶草属 *chi ye cao shu*

Herbs perennial, rhizomatous. Basal leaves in a well-developed rosette; blades mostly over 5 cm. Stem leaves in 1–3 pairs below inflorescence. Inflorescences formed by flowers in groups of (2 or) 3, partly in a terminal umbel-like cluster surrounded by whorl of 4 bracts, also in axil of bracts to form apparent whorls of (4–)6 flowers. Flowers 4-merous. Calyx lobed nearly to base. Corolla campanulate, lobed to middle, plicae absent. Stamens inserted at sinus between corolla lobes. Ovary incompletely 2-celled. Style slender, distinct; stigma 2-lobed. Nectaries in a whorl at base of ovary. Capsules distinctly curved, often with a long beaklike persistent style, many seeded. Seeds \pm fusiform, wingless; seed coat longitudinally rugose.

- One species: endemic to SE and SW China.

1. *Latouchea fokienensis* Franchet, Bull. Soc. Bot. France 46: 212. 1899.

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Plants 15–30 cm tall. Rhizomes short, stout, with long rootlets. Stems erect, terete, striate, simple. Basal leaves short petiolate; leaf blade obovate-spatulate, 8–10 \times 3–6 cm including petiole, base narrowed, margin entire or slightly undulate, apex rounded, veins pinnate. Stem leaves sessile, spatulate, 1.5–2.5 cm \times 7–10 mm, base rounded, margin entire, apex obtuse, veins pinnate. Inflorescences erect, rachis terete, striate, simple, ca. 3 mm wide when pressed; nodes minutely hairy. Pedicel spreading, 8–10 mm; bractlets 2 per flower, linear-lanceolate, 5–7 mm. Calyx 3.5–4.5 mm; lobes linear-lanceolate, apex acuminate, veins distinct. Corolla greenish, 1–1.2 cm; lobes ovate-triangular, 5–6 mm, margin entire, apex acuminate. Filaments 0.8–1 mm; anthers ellipsoid, 0.3–0.5 mm. Style linear, 2–3 mm. Capsules sessile, ovoid-conic, 1.5–1.8 cm. Seeds dark brown, 1.3–1.6 mm.

- Roadsides, forests; 1000–2100 m. Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hunan, SE Sichuan, NE Yunnan.

