

**2. MUSELLA** (Franchet) C. Y. Wu ex H. W. Li, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 16(3): 57. 1978.

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*Musa* Linnaeus sect. *Musella* Franchet, J. Bot. (Morot) 3: 329. 1889.

Herbs perennial, tufted, rhizomatous. Pseudostems less than 60 cm, with persistent sheaths, base not swollen. Leaves expanded proximally into a sheath. Inflorescence terminal, or axillary near base of pseudostem, erect, conical, dense. Bracts yellow to yellow-orange, scarios, persistent. Flowers in 2 rows per bract, persistent; flowers in proximal bracts female (with reduced stamens) or bisexual; flowers in distal bracts male (with reduced gynoecium). Compound tepal 5-toothed at apex; free tepal emarginate and shortly cuspidate at apex. Stamens 5. Berries trigonous ovoid, densely hirsute. Seeds numerous, oblate, 6–7 mm in diam., glabrous.

- One species: China.

**1. Musella lasiocarpa** (Franchet) C. Y. Wu ex H. W. Li, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 16(3): 56. 1978.

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*Musa lasiocarpa* Franchet, J. Bot. (Morot) 3: 330. 1889;  
*Ensete lasiocarpum* (Franchet) Cheesman.

Rhizomes horizontal. Pseudostems ca. 15 cm in diam. at base. Leaf blade glaucous, narrowly elliptic, bilaterally symmetric, to 50 × 20 cm, base subrounded, apex acute. Inflorescence 20–25 cm. Flowers 8–10 per bract. Compound tepal ovate-oblong. Berries ca. 3 × 2.5 cm. Seeds brown to black-brown; hilum white, large.

- Wild on slopes or cultivated in gardens; 1500–2500 m. S Guizhou, C and W Yunnan.

Medicinal and used to feed pigs.

