

48. SPEIRANTHA Baker, J. Linn. Soc., Bot. 14: 562. 1875.

白穗花属 bai sui hua shu

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Herbs perennial, rhizomatous, with several sheaths surrounding leaf bases. Rhizome subascending, thick, with creeping, long, slender stolons. Leaves several, basal, slightly tufted, petiolate, gradually narrowed to base, many veined. Scape axillary, suberect, naked. Inflorescence a terminal raceme; bracts submembranous. Flowers bisexual; pedicel articulate apically. Tepals 6, free. Stamens 6, inserted at base of tepals; filaments filiform; anthers versatile. Ovary ovoid-globose, 3-loculed; ovules 3 or 4 per locule. Style slender; stigma small. Fruit a berry.

- One species: China.

1. *Speirantha gardenii* (Hooker) Baillon, Hist. Pl. 12: 524. 1894.

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Albuca gardenii Hooker, Bot. Mag. 81: t. 4842. 1855;
Speirantha convallarioides Baker.

Rhizome terete, 2–12 cm or longer × 3–15 mm. Leaves 4–8; petiole 3–5 cm; leaf blade narrowly elliptic to elliptic-oblan-ceolate, 7–15 × 3–5 cm, glabrous, apex acuminate. Scape 13–20 cm. Raceme 4–6 × 2.5–4 cm, 12–18-flowered; bracts white or sometimes tinged reddish, 3–9 mm, shorter than pedicel. Pedicel 0.7–1.7 cm. Tepals spreading, lanceolate, 4–6 × 1.5–2.4 mm, 1-veined, apex obtuse. Stamens 3–5 mm; filaments filiform, ca. 3 mm; anthers elliptic, ca. 2 mm. Ovary ca. 2 mm. Style ca. 2 mm. Berries subglobose, ca. 5 mm in diam. Fl. May–Jun, fr. Jul. $2n = 38^*$.

- Broad-leaved forests, hillsides along valleys or streams; 600–900 m. Anhui, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Zhejiang.

