

About 20 species: temperate regions of Asia, Europe, and N Africa; one species in China.

1. Odontites vulgaris Moench, Methodus 499. 1794.

Annuals, 20–60 cm tall, entirely with appressed white hairs. Stems often branched from middle and apically, quadrangular above. Leaves sessile, lanceolate to linear-lanceolate, 1–4.5 × 0.3–1 cm, margin sparsely dentate. Spikes terminal; lower bracts leaflike. Calyx campanulate, 4–7 mm, slightly inflated in fruit; lobes narrowly triangular. Corolla purple, purple-red, or pale red, 8–10 mm, white villous outside. Capsule narrowly oblong, slightly compressed, 4–7 mm, apically hirsute. Seeds ellipsoid, ca. 1.5 mm. Fl. Jul–Aug.

Meadows; below 2000 m. Gansu, Hebei, Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Nei Mongol, Ningxia, Qinghai (Xunhua Salarzu Zizhi Xian), S Shaanxi, Shanxi, Xinjiang [Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Russia, Tadjikistan, Uzbekistan; Europe].