
Herbs, annual. Leaves opposite. Racemes in panicles. Pedicel elongated. Calyx tube tubular-campanulate, parted medianly to 2/5 length, parted on lateral sides to 1/3–1/2 length, 5-veined. Corolla lower lip deeply 3-lobed, lobes patent; upper lip galeate, straight, margin flat, emarginate. Stamens 4, enclosed by galea; anthers arrow-shaped, locule base extending into spurs, barbate along slit after dehiscence. Stigma capitate. Capsule loculicidal. Seeds numerous; wings white, cross striate.

One species: China, Korea, Russia (Far East).


**脐草** *qi cao*

Annuals, ca. 60 cm tall. Stems erect, slender, with white appressed hairs, apically branched. Leaves mostly all deciduous in fruit, sessile, linear-elliptic, 5–15 × 2–4 mm, glabrous, margin callous thickened and with several pointed teeth on each side. Bracts similar to leaves in shape. Pedicel slender, straight or slightly arching, 5–10 mm, slightly more elongated in fruit, with same hairs as stems. Calyx 3–5 mm; lobes ovate-triangular, margin scabrous. Corolla white, 5–6 mm, pubescent externally. Capsule oblong, compressed, as long as calyx, hirsute, apex obtuse. Seeds ellipsoid, ca. 1 mm. Fl. Jun–Sep.

Moist places; 300–400 m. Beijing Shi (Miaofeng Shan), Hebei (Xiaowutai Shan), Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, E Nei Mongol [Korea, Russia (Far East)].