

Inadequately known species

The following are informal descriptions, for use in identification only. No publication of new names nor typification is intended.

11. *Homalium* “species A” Hainan, *Lau* 3225 (A).

Twig tips puberulous. Petiole ca. 0.5 cm, glabrous; leaf blade drying reddish brown, ovate, 3–6 × 1.5–2 cm, both surfaces glabrous, base obtuse to rounded, margin shallowly serrate-crenate, apex broadly acute, contracting or tapering to a blunt acumen to ca. 1 cm. Inflorescence axillary, paniculate, ca. 3 cm, slender; rachis with short, rather dense, spreading hairs. Flowers small, 3–4 mm excluding exerted stamens and styles, 7- or 8-merous. Calyx tube ca. 1 mm, glabrous or with short, appressed hairs; sepals linear oblong, 2–3 mm, outside glabrous or with a few appressed hairs on midvein, margin shortly ciliate. Petals ca. as long as sepals or longer, oblanceolate, indumentum as for sepals though margin cilia longer. Stamen filaments with long, sparse, spreading hairs in lower half. Free part of ovary and lower part of styles with indumentum as for stamens; styles 4, joined in lower part.

- Thickets on sandy soil, rocky dry steep slopes, described on herbarium label as “fairly common.” Hainan.

This species was previously identified as *Homalium stenophyllum*. The specimen is also annotated “*Homalium laui* Merr. n. sp.” (an unpublished name) and “Merr. & Metc. [?] sp. nov.”

12. *Homalium* “species B” Guangdong, *Taam* 286 (A, K).

Twig tips very densely hairy, hairs spreading, yellowish. Petiole short, densely hairy; leaf blade drying distinctly reddish brown, elliptic to slightly obovate, 4–7 × 3–4 mm, abaxially similar with additional hairs sparsely scattered throughout blade, adaxially densely hairy on midvein and lateral veins, base obtuse, margin serrate except entire near base, apex widely acute to obtuse, contracting abruptly to a short acumen 3–4 mm. Inflorescence axillary, probably racemose though paniclelike through loss of subtending leaves, 5–7 cm; rachis very densely hairy, hairs spreading, yellowish; flowers nearly sessile, inserted singly on rachis or 2 to few together in rather congested fascicles, absent from basal 1/3 of rachis, ca. 7-merous, 2.5–5 mm excluding exerted stamens and styles, fetid. Calyx tube 1.5–2 mm, indumentum rather dense, hairs spreading, white; sepals 1–2 mm, narrowly oblong to slightly oblanceolate, adaxially with hairs more appressed than those on calyx tube, margin with long white cilia. Petals ca. as long as sepals though wider and more spatulate, indumentum as for sepals. Disk glands shortly and broadly obconic, small, ca. 0.3 mm in diam., pubescent with spreading long white hairs. Stamens with sparse, spreading long hairs in lower half. Free part of ovary densely hairy, hairs semispreading, long. Styles 3, free nearly to base, hairy in lower half, hairs as for ovary.

- Thickets, described on herbarium label as “rare.” Guangdong.

This species is very similar to *Homalium mollissimum* but the hairs on the perianth are shorter and the sepal apex is obtuse. The specimen at A is annotated “*Homalium villosinervium* Merr. & Metc. sp. nov.” (an unpublished name) and “type!”