

18. PARADOMBEYA Stapf, Hooker's Icon. Pl. 28: t. 2743a. 1902.

平当树属 ping dang shu shu

Small trees or shrubs. Leaves alternate, serrulate; stipule filiform, caducous. Inflorescence axillary, fascicled, sometimes umbel-like; pedicels articulate; epicalyx lobes 2 or 3, verticillate, near joint. Calyx 5-partite nearly to base; sepals valvate, glabrous. Petals yellow, broadly ovate, unequal, persistent, apex truncate. Stamens 15, in 5 groups of 3, alternating with 5 tongue-shaped staminodes; filaments connate at base into short tube; anthers ovate or elliptic. Ovary sessile, 2–5-loculed, stellate puberulent, cells easily dehiscent; ovules 2 per locule; style elongate, slightly swollen upward, usually 4–5-grooved. Fruit a capsule, nearly globose, locules easily freed from each other, stellate puberulent. Seeds 1 per cell, oblong-ovoid, dark brown.

Two species: China, Myanmar, Thailand; one species (endemic) in China.

1. Paradombeya sinensis Dunn, Hooker's Icon. Pl. 28: t. 2743b. 1902.

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Paradombeya rehderiana Hu; *P. szechuenica* Hu.

Small trees or shrubs, up to 5 m tall. Branchlets slender, sparsely stellate puberulent. Petiole 3–5 mm or leaf sessile; leaf blade ovate-lanceolate to elliptic-oblongate, 5–12.5 × 1.5–5 cm, membranous, abaxially sparsely stellate hairy, adaxially glabrous or nearly so, basal veins 3, lateral veins ca. 10 on each side of midrib, base rounded or shallowly cordate, margin

densely serrulate, apex long acuminate. Inflorescence a fascicle of 1–3 umbel-like cymes, each 1–6-flowered; pedicels slender, 1–1.5 cm; epicalyx lobes 3, lanceolate, caducous. Calyx lobes ovate-lanceolate, ca. 4 mm. Petals yellow, broadly obovate, unequal to each other, ca. 5 mm, apex truncate, persistent. Staminodes tongue-shaped, slightly shorter than petals. Ovary globose, 2-loculed, densely stellate tomentose; style subulate, glabrous. Capsule nearly globose, ca. 2.5 mm. Seeds dark brown, oblong-ovoid, ca. 1.5 mm.

• Open scrub on grassy slopes; 300–1500 m. S and SW Sichuan, Yunnan.

