

**30. NARAVELIA** Adanson, Fam. Pl. 2: 460, 581. 1763, nom. et orth. cons.

锡兰莲属 *xi lan lian shu*

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Vines woody. Stem terete. Leaves pinnately compound, margin entire, apex obtuse; basal 2 leaflets developed normally, apical 3 leaflets developed into tendrils. Inflorescences paniculate, terminal or axillary; bractlets 2. Pedicel 1–1.5 cm, basally pilose. Flowers spreading. Sepals 4. Petals 8–12, narrow, linear to clavate. Stamens numerous. Pistils hairy; ovule 1 per ovary, pendulous. Styles persistent, plumose. Achenes slender, shortly stipitate.

About nine species: S and SE Asia; two species (one endemic) in China.

1a. Lateral leaflets broadly ovate to subrounded; petal limbs orbicular ..... 1. *N. pilulifera*

1b. Lateral leaflets usually cordate; petals clavate to spatulate ..... 2. *N. zeylanica*

**1. *Naravelia pilulifera*** Hance, J. Bot. 6: 111. 1868.

两广锡兰莲 *liang guang xi lan lian*

Stem 2–3 m tall, conspicuously striate, pubescent to subglabrous. Lateral leaflet petiolules 2–3 cm; central leaflet petiolule 5–7 cm, subglabrous; leaflet blade broadly ovate to subrounded, 7–11 × 6–8 cm, papery, sparsely pubescent or subglabrous, base rounded to slightly cordate; 5–(7)-veined from base. Inflorescences axillary, to 16 cm, pubescent; bractlets scaly. Flowers ca. 1.5 cm in diam. Sepals narrowly ovate to elliptic, 6–7 × 3–4 mm, slightly pubescent to subglabrous, margin densely villous. Petals 8–12, pale green, limb orbicular, obovate, or spatulate, ca. 8 mm, glabrous; claw linear. Stamens ca. 4 mm, glabrous; filaments basally slightly thickened, apex obtuse; anthers ventrally curved. Pistils as long as stamens, lanate. Persistent styles ca. 2 cm. Achenes ca. 5 × 1 mm. Fl. Sep, fr. Oct.

• Forests, scrub, slopes; 300–1000 m. Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, S Yunnan.

**2. *Naravelia zeylanica*** (Linnaeus) de Candolle, Syst. Nat. 1: 167. 1817.

锡兰莲 *xi lan lian*

*Atrage zeylanica* Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 542. 1753;

*Naravelia pilulifera* var. *yunnanensis* Y. Fei.

Stem striate, subglabrous. Lateral leaflet petiolules 1.5–2.5 cm; central leaflet petiolule 3–7 cm, shallowly striate; leaflet blade ovate, 6–11 × 6–10 cm, abaxially sparsely curved hairy to subglabrous, adaxially glabrous, base rounded to cordate; 5-veined from base. Inflorescences terminal or axillary, to 40 cm, velutinous; bractlets borne at middle of pedicel, scaly. Flowers ca. 1 cm in diam. Sepals pale yellow, narrowly obovate to elliptic, 5–7 × ca. 3 mm, sparsely pubescent. Petals 8–10, clavate, obovate, or spatulate, 5–7 × 1–1.5 mm. Stamens linear, 2.5–3.5 mm; anthers yellow, linear, glabrous, apex rounded. Pistils linear, lanate-villous. Persistent styles ca. 3 cm. Achenes fusiform, ca. 4 mm, pilose. Fl. Oct, fr. Nov.  $2n = 16$ .

Forests; ca. 1000 m. S Yunnan [Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sikkim].

