

2. MORINA Linnaeus, Sp. Pl. 1: 28. 1753.

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Asaphes Sprengel (1827), not Candolle (1825); *Cryptothladia* (Bunge) M. J. Cannon; *Morina* sect. *Cryptothladia* Bunge.

Roots usually thickened, branched. Caudex short, woody, usually covered with remnants of leaf bases. Leaves in whorls of 3 or 4(–6), rarely 2, opposite, linear to oblong-lanceolate, entire to pinnatifid, spinose. Inflorescence of several verticillasters, each subtended by a whorl of leaflike bracts. Flowers sessile or shortly pedicellate, enveloped in an involucre; involucres campanulate, with 8–16 spiny teeth, 2 significantly longer than others. Calyx tube oblique, campanulate; limb 2-lipped, lips 2- or 3-lobed or emarginate. Corolla tube elongate; limb spreading, 2-lipped; upper lip 2-lobed, lower one 3-lobed. Fertile stamens 2, inserted at corolla throat; staminodes 2, at base of corolla tube, cordate. Nectary 1, anterior, at base of corolla tube, 3-lobed. Ovary inferior, 1-loculed, enveloped in an involucre; style usually longer than stamens; stigma disklike; ovule single, pendulous. Achenes rugose, columnar, slightly or markedly obliquely truncate.

About ten species: from the Balkans to C Asia and E Himalaya; eight species (four endemic) in China.

Cannon and Cannon (Bull. Brit. Mus. (Nat. Hist.), Bot. 12(1): 1–35. 1984) treated *Cryptothladia* at the rank of genus, separating it from *Morina*. Hong (Novon 20: 418–419. 2010) has explained why this taxon would be better merged into the genus *Morina*.

Cannon and Cannon (loc. cit.: 18) stated that *Morina parviflora* Karelina & Kirilov (*Cryptothladia parviflora* (Karelina & Kirilov) M. J. Cannon) occurred on the border of Kazakhstan with China (Dzungarian Alatau). However, we have not seen any specimens that could be identified as this species.

- 1a. Involucral bracts connate, forming shallow cups; involucre teeth much shorter than tube (1/2 or less as long as tube) 6. *M. polyphylla*
- 1b. Involucral bracts free; involucre teeth at least 2/3 as long as tube.
- 2a. Leaves with petioles 4–8 cm; leaf margins spinose, rarely sinuate-dentate.
- 3a. Involucral bracts acuminate at apex, spinose along whole margins; calyx lips 2-lobed, lobes lanceolate, 5–6 mm; middle and upper cauline leaves petiolate 1. *M. chlorantha*
- 3b. Involucral bracts acute or rounded at apex, spinose only at base; calyx emarginate; middle and upper cauline leaves subsessile 2. *M. bracteata*
- 2b. Leaves sessile or subsessile; leaf margins mostly lobed, less frequently entire.
- 4a. Leaves entire or slightly toothed; flowers in 20 or more closely packed whorls of 8–12 5. *M. ludlowii*
- 4b. Leaves lobed; flowers in fewer, usually interrupted, whorls.
- 5a. Corolla 2–3 cm, greatly exceeding calyx, obviously 5-lobed; staminodes inserted at middle part of corolla tube.
- 6a. Involucral bracts broadly ovate or orbicular, ca. as long as wide (excluding pointed apex); calyx covered by involucral bracts 7. *M. longifolia*
- 6b. Involucral bracts broadly ovate-lanceolate, much longer than wide; calyx exposed 8. *M. coulteriana*
- 5b. Corolla less than 1 cm, almost hidden by calyx, weakly lobed with 2 or 4 major lobes; staminodes inserted at base of corolla tube.
- 7a. Calyx lobes 4, ovate, apex rounded; leaves shallowly lobed 3. *M. chinensis*
- 7b. Calyx lobes 4–6, narrowly ovate or ovate-lanceolate, apex usually spinose; leaves cleft almost to midvein 4. *M. kokonorica*

1. *Morina chlorantha* Diels, Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinburgh 5: 208. 1912.

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Cryptothladia chlorantha (Diels) M. J. Cannon; *Morina chlorantha* var. *subintegra* Pax & K. Hoffmann ex H. Limpricht.

Caudexes robust, base covered with brown fibrous remnants of leaves. Stems 20–70 cm tall. Basal leaves rosulate; petiole 5–7 cm; blade lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate, 15–35 × 2–2.5 cm, base decurrent, apex acuminate, margin spinose, rarely sinuate-dentate, tooth margin spinose. Cauline leaves similar but smaller, in 2 or 3 whorls of 4, rarely opposite, gradually becoming sessile upward, glabrous. Inflorescence of 6–8

whorls, compact but separated after anthesis; each whorl with 4 involucral bracts, these narrowly ovate, 2.5–3 cm, glabrous, base densely spinose, margins spinose, apex acuminate; involucres tubular, 1.2–1.5 cm, stalked, outside pubescent, apex ca. 10-spinose. Calyx green, 8–10 mm, both sides pubescent, 2-lipped, each lip 2-lobed; lobes lanceolate, 5–6 mm, long ciliate, apex obtuse or 2-spinose at apex. Corolla green-yellow, slightly shorter than calyx, 7–9 mm, outside villous; limb 2-lipped; lobes 5. Stamens inserted at upper part of corolla tube; filaments short, villous; staminodes subsessile, inserted at base of corolla tube. Gynoecium included, slightly longer than stamens; stigma capitate, slightly compressed. Achenes purple-brown, oblong, ca. 5 mm, angular and furrowed, apex obliquely truncate. Fl. May–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep.

• Grassy slopes, forest margins; 2800–4000 m. W Sichuan, NW Yunnan (Lijiang, Zhongdian).

2. *Morina bracteata* C. Y. Cheng & H. B. Chen, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 29: 190. 1991.

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Roots elongate, branched. Caudexes short, covered with black-brown fibrous remnants of old leaves. Stems ca. 45 cm tall, glabrous below, villous above. Basal leaves rosulate; petiole 4–8 cm; leaf blade elliptic or obovate-elliptic, 9–12 × 2.5–3 cm, both surfaces glabrous, base attenuate to petiole, margin spinulose only at base, apex acute; cauline leaves similar, in whorls of 4, sessile or shortly petiolate. Inflorescence of 6 or 7 whorls, lower whorls often separate from each other, upper ones compact, each whorl with 4 involucral bracts; involucral bracts ovate, 2.5–3.5 cm, glabrous or white villous at base, spinulose only along lower margins, apex acute or rounded; involucels tubular-campanulate, 1–1.5 cm, white villous outside, apex with 10–12 spines; spines unequal in length, 6 or 7 longer, 2–3 mm. Calyx campanulate, ca. 9 mm, villous, 2-lobed; lobes 4.5–5 mm, apex emarginate, rounded. Corolla shorter than calyx, pale green, tubular, 5–6 mm, villous outside; limb slightly 2-lipped; lobes 5, subequal. Fertile stamens inserted at upper part of corolla tube; filaments short, barbate; staminodes inserted at base of corolla tube. Style slightly longer than stamens; stigma capitate. Achenes brown, obovoid-oblong, 6–6.5 × 3–3.5 mm, tuberculate-rugose, apex obliquely truncate. Fl. and fr. Aug.

• Slopes; ca. 3200 m. Sichuan (Butuo).

3. *Morina chinensis* Y. Y. Pai, Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. 44: 122. 1938.

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Cryptothladia chinensis (Y. Y. Pai) M. J. Cannon; *Morina lorifolia* C. Y. Cheng & H. B. Chen.

Roots robust, usually unbranched. Caudexes short, simple or branched, covered with old, nearly complete leaf bases. Fertile stems 15–70 cm tall, glabrous and purple below, purplish and white villous above. Leaves on sterile stems 6–8, linear-lanceolate, 10–25 × 1–2 cm, glabrous, midvein marked, base decurrent and amplexicaul, apex acuminate, margin irregularly and shallowly lobed; lobes subtriangular, with 3–9 rigid spines. Cauline leaves in 2 or 3 whorls of 4–6 leaves, similar to those on sterile stems but shorter, 5–15 cm, gradually smaller upward, margins of lobes spinose. Inflorescence of 6–9 whorls of up to 20 flowers each, compact at anthesis but separated in fruit; involucral bracts 4, leaflike, narrowly ovate, 2.5–3.5 cm, margins densely spiny, apex acuminate; involucels hidden in involucral bracts, campanulate, 1–1.4 cm, sparsely villous outside, apex truncate, margin with 10 unequal spines to 6 mm. Calyx exerted ca. 3 mm above involucel, 2-lipped, 6–10 mm, each lip 2-lobed; lobes rounded, veins prominent, outside glabrous, inside lanate, base barbate. Corolla pale green, shorter than calyx, 6–7 mm; limb 2-lipped, upper lip 2-lobed, lower lip 3-lobed, sparsely villous. Stamens adnate to upper part of corolla tube; staminodes inserted at base of corolla tube; anthers included. Style slightly longer than stamens; stigma capitate. Achenes

brown, oblong, 2–3 mm, rugose, apex obliquely truncate, with persistent calyx, hidden in involucels. Fl. Jul–Aug, fr. Sep.

• Alpine meadows with shrubs; 2800–4300 m. SE Gansu, Nei Mongol (Helan Shan), Qinghai, NW Sichuan, Xizang (Qamdo).

4. *Morina kokonorica* K. S. Hao, Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. 40: 215. 1936.

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Cryptothladia kokonorica (K. S. Hao) M. J. Cannon.

Roots robust, ca. 40 cm, up to 3 cm in diam., simple or remotely branched. Caudexes usually branched, covered with brown-black remnants of old leaves. Stems usually caespitose, 20–70 cm tall, simple or 2- or 3-branched, ridged and glabrous below, villous above. Leaves on sterile shoots 5 or 6, rosulate, linear-lanceolate, 7–20 × 1–1.5 cm, both surfaces glabrous, base decurrent into petiole, margin coarsely and irregularly pinnatifid, with triangular, spinose lobes, apex acuminate. Leaves on fertile stems similar, in 2 or 3 whorls of 4, narrowly lanceolate, base amplexicaul, smaller upward. Inflorescence of up to 8 whorls of 16–20 flowers, compact in bud, but separated after anthesis, each with 4 involucral bracts, these narrowly ovate, 2–3 cm, margin yellow spinose, apex acuminate; involucels campanulate, hidden in bracts, 1.2–1.5 cm, prominently veined, stalked, margin with more than 10 unequal spines up to 7 mm. Calyx cup-shaped, 8–15 mm, exerted ca. 3 mm above involucral bracts, outside glabrous, inside villous, base barbate, 2-segmented, each segment 2- or 3-lobed; lobes lanceolate, apex often spinose. Corolla pale green, 6–8 mm, included in calyx, outside glabrous; limb 2-lipped, 5-lobed. Stamens inserted at upper part of corolla tube; filaments short, villous; staminodes inserted at base of corolla tube, subsessile. Style included, slightly longer than stamens; stigma capitate. Achenes brown, columnar, 6–7 mm, smooth, angular, apex obliquely truncate. Fl. Jun–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep.

• Stony slopes, meadows, flood plains; 3000–4500 m. S Gansu, Qinghai, W Sichuan, E and S Xizang (west to Burang, north to Bain-goin, Sogxian).

5. *Morina ludlowii* (M. J. Cannon) D. Y. Hong, Novon 20: 418. 2010.

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Cryptothladia ludlowii M. J. Cannon, Bull. Brit. Mus. (Nat. Hist.), Bot. 12: 22. 1984.

Caudexes thickly covered with fibrous remnants of leaf bases. Stems up to 50 cm tall. Basal and lower cauline leaves in whorls of 3 or 4, narrowly elliptic, 5–9 × 1–2 cm, adaxially pubescent, connate basally, forming a loose sheath, margins entire or remotely toothed, ciliate, spinose; upper cauline leaves similar, uppermost whorl often barely connate. Inflorescence short initially, 2–3 cm, elongating rapidly, terete, or slightly grooved, densely covered with whitish, mostly retrorse hairs. Flowers in 20 or more closely packed whorls of 8–12; involucral bracts leaflike, regularly decussate, lowermost whorl similar to leaves but smaller, usually 3-lobed; lobes irregularly spinose-dentate, acute or cuspidate; central lobe larger, often reddish or deeply

colored; involuclers tubular-campanulate, 4–6 mm, ca. 2 mm wide at base, laminate, becoming larger and rigid in fruit, villous, often with stalked or sessile glands, 4–12-dentate, one tooth often larger. Calyx tube tubular-campanulate, 2.5–4 mm at anthesis; limb 2-fid; lobes shallowly divided; lobules rounded to apiculate, outside glabrous, inside villous and glandular. Corolla included, ± tubular, outside glabrous, 4-lobed; posterior lobe ± fimbriate; anterior lobe entire, exceeding posterior, inside hispid; lateral 2 lobes very small. Stamens inserted at middle part of corolla tube; filaments short, with a tuft of hairs below anthers; staminodes at base of corolla tube, shortly stalked. Style slightly shorter than corolla tube; stigma disk-shaped. Achenes subglobose, 3–5 mm, abaxially with a shallow furrow, apex slightly obliquely truncate, obtusely pointed, somewhat rugose. Fl. May–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep.

Thickets, stony hillsides; 3700–4300 m. S Xizang (Cona) [Bhutan, NE India].

6. *Morina polyphylla* Wallich ex Candolle, Prodr. 4: 644. 1830.

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Cryptothladia polyphylla (Wallich ex Candolle) M. J. Cannon.

Roots ± lignified, up to 2 cm in diam. Caudexes thickly covered with brown fibrous remnants of old leaves, up to 3 cm in diam. Flowering stems to 50 cm tall, terete, or furrowed, glabrous below, white hairy above, often purple. Leaves on sterile shoots rosulate; petiole long and narrow; blade linear to linear-lanceolate, up to 40 × 1.5–4 cm, pinnatifid; segments usually 3–5-fid; lobules spinose apically, glabrous or sparsely pubescent; cauline leaves on flowering shoots in whorls of (3 or)4–6, similar but smaller. Inflorescence 8–10 cm, compact, of many whorls; involucler bracts (3 or)4–6 per whorl, connate basally, forming a cup-shaped structure, apex linear or linear-lanceolate, with lateral spines and tapering into a robust spine; involuclers cylindrical, 6–13 mm, toothed, usually pilose, rarely subglabrous, with many sessile and a few stalked glands, teeth usually 8–10, apex tapered to a terminal bristle or spine, 1 or 2 longer than others. Calyx tubular or campanulate, 7–12 mm; tube 4–5 mm, usually densely pilose and glandular inside; limb 2-lobed; lobes spreading, white or lavender, deeply divided, 4 lobules apically rounded or spinose. Corolla pink or white, ca. as long as involucler, subtubular; limb 4-lobed. Stamens inserted at middle of corolla tube; staminodes inserted at base of corolla tube. Style ca. as long as corolla tube; stigma disk-shaped. Achenes 4.8–5.5 × 2.8–3 mm, plano-convex, obliquely truncate, surmounted with persistent and enlarged calyx. Fl. May–Jul, fr. Aug–Sep.

Grassy slopes, alpine meadows, rarely forests; 2600–4700 m. S Xizang (Yadong) [Bhutan, N India (Sikkim), Nepal].

7. *Morina longifolia* Wallich ex Candolle, Prodr. 4: 644. 1830.

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Caudexes often covered with fibrous remnants of old leaves. Stems up to 80 cm tall. Leaves on sterile shoots rosulate, rosulate leaves and lower cauline leaves with petioles fused, forming sheaths 2.5–4.5 cm; blade linear to linear-lanceolate, up to 40 × 4 cm, both surfaces glabrous, margin regularly lobed,

each lobe with 4 or 5 spinose teeth; upper cauline leaves similar, smaller, usually 3 per whorl, sheaths up to 8 mm, or petioles barely connate. Flowering stems erect, to 90 cm, glabrous, slightly ridged to terete below, pubescent to villous above. Inflorescence of (4–)7–9(–11) whorls, pedicellate or sessile; upper whorls confluent at anthesis, separating in fruit; involucler bracts broadly ovate to orbicular, bases markedly overlapping, adaxially sparsely hairy, abaxially villous, margin often with numerous short spiny teeth and ciliate, apex spinose; involuclers tubular, 7–10 × 2.5–4 mm, glandular pubescent, spines 5–13. Flowers pedicellate. Calyx glabrous, or with short adpressed hairs on tips; lobes shallowly bifid; lobules rounded or rarely slightly apiculate; tube 4.5–6 × 2.5–4 mm at anthesis. Corolla white, becoming pink to deep red; tube 20–30 × 1–2 mm, with many glandular and a few simple hairs outside; limb 2-lipped; lobes of lower lip ± spreading, central lobe ca. 7 × 3 mm, upper lip ± spreading. Stamens inserted at throat of corolla; filaments 1–3 mm, with a tuft of hairs below anthers; staminodes minute, inserted 2–3.5 mm below mouth of corolla under anterior lip. Style slightly longer than stamens; stigma disk-shaped. Achenes rugose on abaxial side, with a deep furrow and prominent longitudinal veins on adaxial side, apex slightly obliquely truncate and crenulate. Fl. Jun–Sep, fr. Sep–Oct. $2n = 16, 34$.

Grassy slopes, thickets; 3000–4300 m. S Xizang (Gyirong) [Bhutan, India, ?Nepal, Pakistan].

8. *Morina coulteriana* Royle, Ill. Bot. Himal. Mts. 1: 245. 1835.

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Caudexes woody, often covered with remnants of old leaf bases. Sterile shoots dwarf; fertile shoots up to 1 m tall or more, ridged and glabrous below, sparsely villous and purple above. Leaves on sterile shoots rosulate, 20–25 × ca. 2.5 cm, glabrous, pinnatilobate, with spiny, simple or compound teeth; petioles fusing to form a deep sheath 8–15 mm; lower cauline leaves similar, in whorls of 3 or 4(or 5); upper cauline leaves also similar but smaller. Inflorescence of 6–8 whorls of numerous flowers; lower 3–5 whorls separate, upper 3 or 4 confluent; involucler bracts 3 or 4 per whorl, broadly ovate-lanceolate, up to 8 × 2 cm, spiny, prominently net-veined, upper bracts smaller; involuclers subcylindrical, villous, 4–9 × 2.5–4 mm, with 9–12 teeth. Calyx glabrous to villous, with a large tuft of hairs at base, tubular-campanulate, 3–6.5 × 2–4 mm; limb 2-lipped; lips deeply bifid, apex acute or apiculate, often spinose. Corolla yellow or greenish yellow; tube villous, 25–30 × 1–2 mm; limb 2-lipped; upper lip 2-lobed, lower one 3-lobed, median lobe of lower lip 5.5–10 × 3.5–6 mm. Stamens with filaments 2–3 mm, with a tuft of hairs below anthers; staminodes minute, cordiform. Style slightly longer than stamens; stigma disk-shaped. Achenes convex on adaxial side, rugose on abaxial side, with very deep longitudinal furrows. Fl. Jun–Aug, fr. Aug–Sep.

Grassy or shrubby slopes; 3000–3700 m. S Xinjiang, SE Xizang (Mainling) [Afghanistan, NW India, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan].

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