

A New *Primula* from S.W. China.

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Primula Tsiangii, W. W. Sm. Sp. nov.

Species valde distincta sectionis *Obconicae*; planta tota tomento denso fulvo fere induta; calyx breviter oblongus lobis suberectis; affinitas cum *P. ambita* Balf. f. atque *P. Vilmoriniana* Petitm. esse videtur sed inter subspecies *P. obconicae* Hance nullo modo collocanda.

Rhizoma persistens vestigiis foliorum vetustorum obtectum. Folia longe petiolata, 2.5-3.5 cm. longa, 2.5-4 cm. lata, fere orbicularia, apice bene rotundata, basi breviter cordata, margine integra vel obscure lobulata, in sicco chartacea, supra pilis articulatis appressis dense induta, infra densissime fulvo-tomentosa, nervis 5-7 a basi radiantibus tomento subcelatis; petiolus 3-5.5 cm. longus, robustus, densissime fulvo- vel ferrugineo-tomentosus. Scapi plerumque bini, ad 15 cm. alti, dense tomentosi, 5-10-flori; pedicelli similiter induti, ut bracteae, circ. 8 mm. longi, fructu ad 1.5 cm. aucti; bracteae 4-5 mm. longae lineares. Flores emarcati eis *P. obconicae* Hance colore similes videntur. Calyx breviter oblongus, circ. 5 mm. longus, 2.5 mm. latus, pilis longis articulatis tomentosus, fere ad medium in lobos triangulares acutos fissus. Corolla 1.2-1.4 cm. longa. Stylus in flore brevistylo fructu persistens circ. 3.5 mm. longus. Capsula globosa calyce subinclusa.

CHINA. Province of Kweichow; at Lou-shan, Tung-tze, on moist cliffs, in dense shade. Flower bluish. May 26th 1930. Y. Tsiang No. 5071. Type in Herb. Metrop. Mus. Nat. Hist. Acad. Sin. Nanking.

This species from Kweichow is very different from other members of the Section *Obconica* so far secured from that province or from Yunnan. It carries a very heavy coating of fulvous to ferruginous tomentum on all parts except the corolla, while the calyx is quite distinct from that of *P. obconica* Hance and its associates.