



*Hydrangea* sensu lato  
(Hydrangeaceae)

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*Hydrangea* sensu lato  
(Hydrangeaceae)

*vegetative key*  
*to woody species*  
*in cultivation*

# *6 genera* and 36 species in this key:

## *Decumaria*

*D. barbara*

*D. sinensis*

## *Dichroa*

*D. febrifuga*

*D. hirsuta*

*D. yunnanensis*

*D. versicolor*

## *Hydrangea*

*H. anomala*

*H. arborescens*

*H. aspera*

*H. asterolasia*

*H. chinensis*

*H. davidii*

*H. glandulosa*

*H. heteromalla*

*H. hirta*

*H. integrifolia*

*H. involucrata*

*H. lobbii*

*H. longipes*

*H. macrophylla*

*H. paniculata*

*H. quercifolia*

*H. robusta*

*H. sargentiana*

*H. scandens*

*H. seemannii*

*H. serrata*

*H. serratifolia*

*H. sikokiana*

*H. strigosa*

*H. peruviana* × *H. seemannii*

*H. peruviana* × *H. serratifolia*

## *Pileostegia*

*P. viburnoides*

## *Platycrater*

*P. arguta*

## *Schizophragma*

*S. fauriei*

*S. hydrangeoides*

*S. integrifolium*

*S. molle*

*To improve accuracy:*



*Use a 10× LENS.*

*Look at the entire plant.*

*Beware of hybridisation.*

*10× LENS: pubescence*

single hairs

*Hydrangea aspera* subsp. *aspera*



single hairs

*Hydrangea aspera* subsp. *aspera*



stellate hairs

*Hydrangea asterolasia*



stellate hairs

*Hydrangea asterolasia*



**conspicuous (moss-like) hairs**

*Hydrangea sargentiana*



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*Hydrangea sargentiana*



*10× LENS: aerial rootlets*

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*Hydrangea anomala* subsp. *petiolaris*



**10× LENS: aerial rootlets**

*Hydrangea anomala* subsp. *petiolaris*



1 cm

*10× LENS: domatia*

**10× LENS: domatia**

*Hydrangea seratifolia*



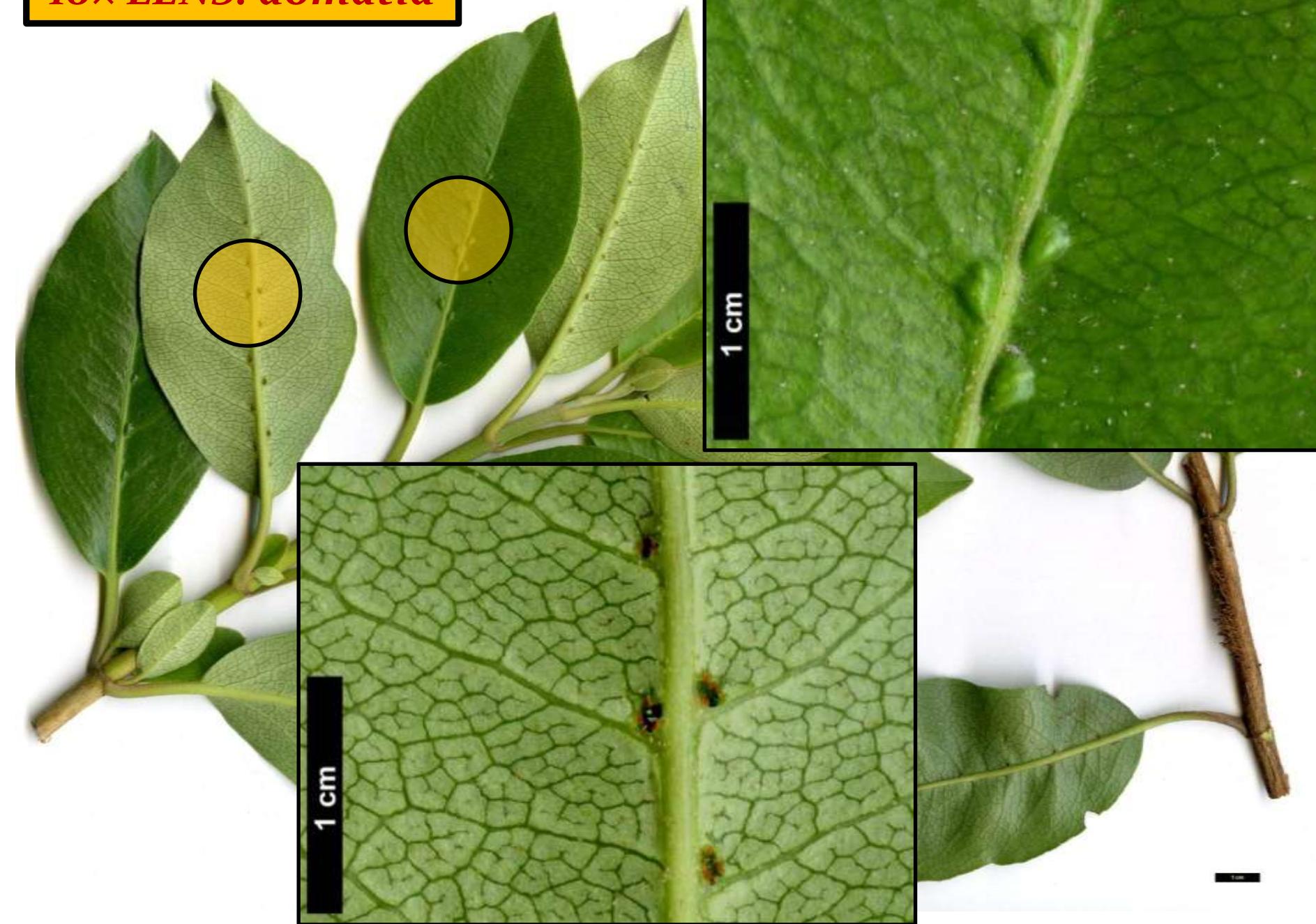
**10× LENS: domatia**

*Hydrangea serratifolia*



*Hydrangea serratifolia*

**10× LENS: domatia**

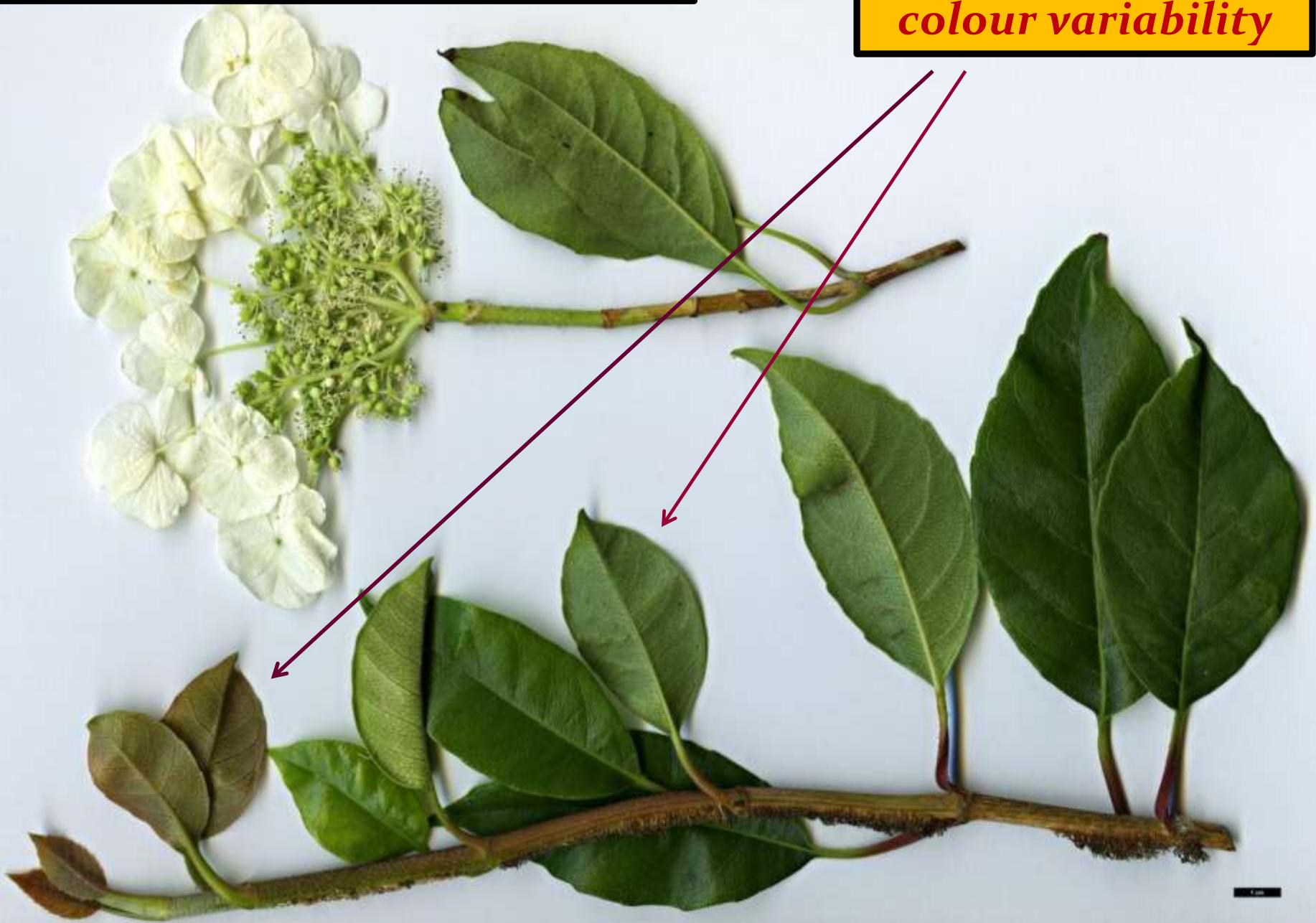


*look at the entire plant*

**Look at the entire plant:**

*Hydrangea seemannii*

**colour variability**



Look at the entire plant:

*Hydrangea seemannii*

*absence/presence  
of aerial rootlets*



## *leaf shape and margin variability*

*Hydrangea seemannii*



*VEGETATIVE*

*KEY*

(simplified)

*key to groups*



*2 groups (each with 2 subgroups)*

*with following*

*diagnostic characters:*

*Climbing/creeping  
with aerial rootlets.*

*Shrub or small tree,  
aerial rootlets absent.*

*Climbing/creeping  
with aerial rootlets.*

*Creeping shoot pubescent with stellate hairs.  
Pit-like domatia often present.*

*Creeping shoot glabrous or pubescent with single hairs.  
Pit-like domatia absent.*

*Shrub or small tree,  
aerial rootlets absent.*

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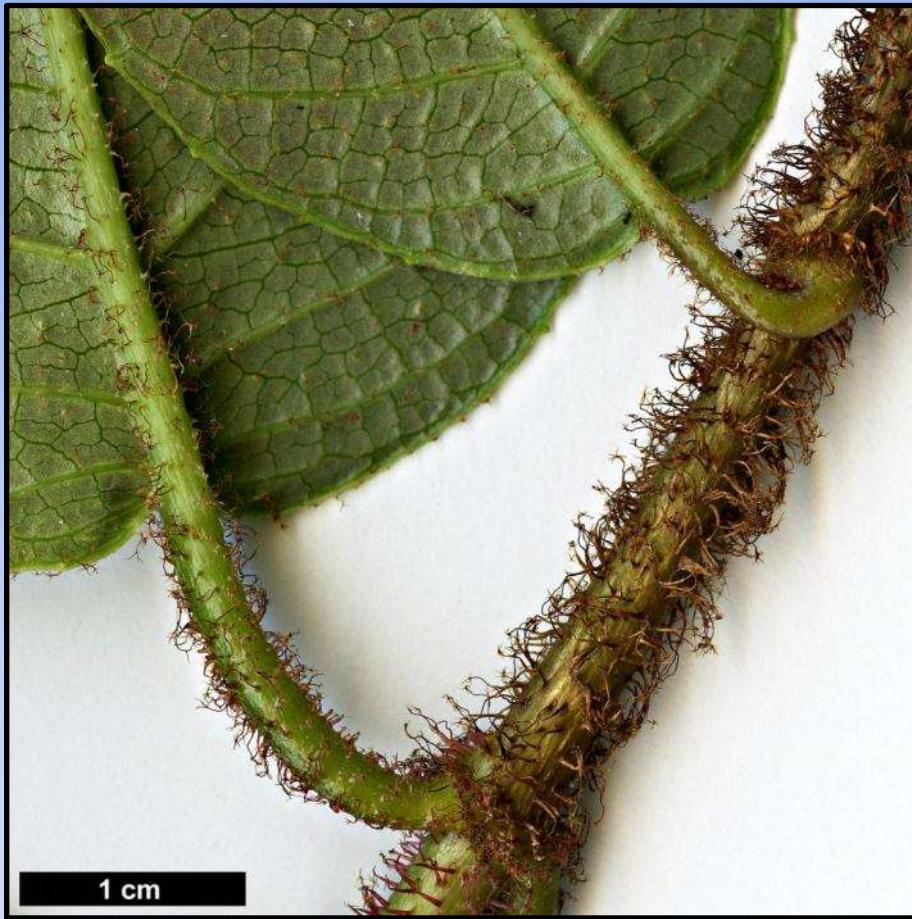
*Petiole length ranging from 1 to 2(-3) cm.*

*Petiole length ranging from 3-10(-more) cm.*

**GROUP A: CLIMBING or CREEPING**  
**(aerial rootlets present)**



**GROUP A1: CLIMBING or CREEPING**  
**(aerial rootlets present)**



*stellate hairs*



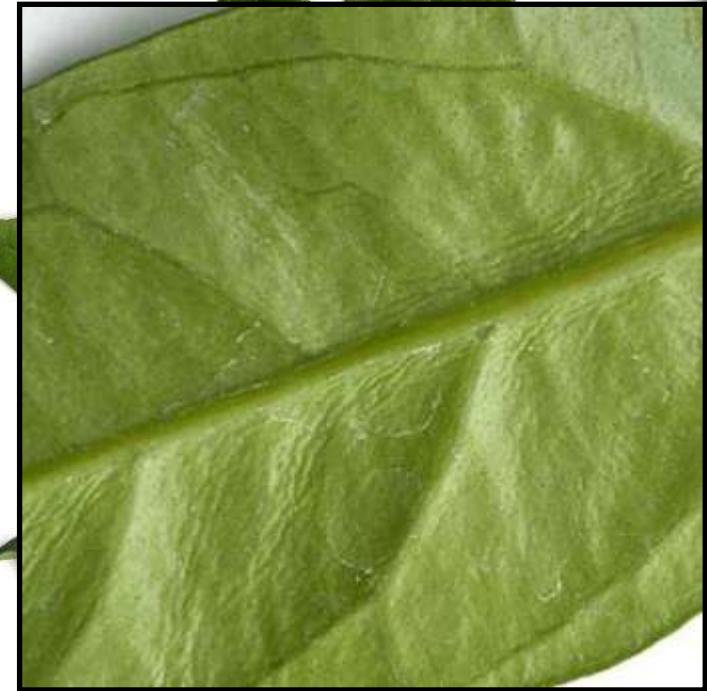
*domatia often present*

*Pileostegia viburnoides*



1 cm

*Pileostegia viburnoides*



**tertiary veins obscure**

1 cm

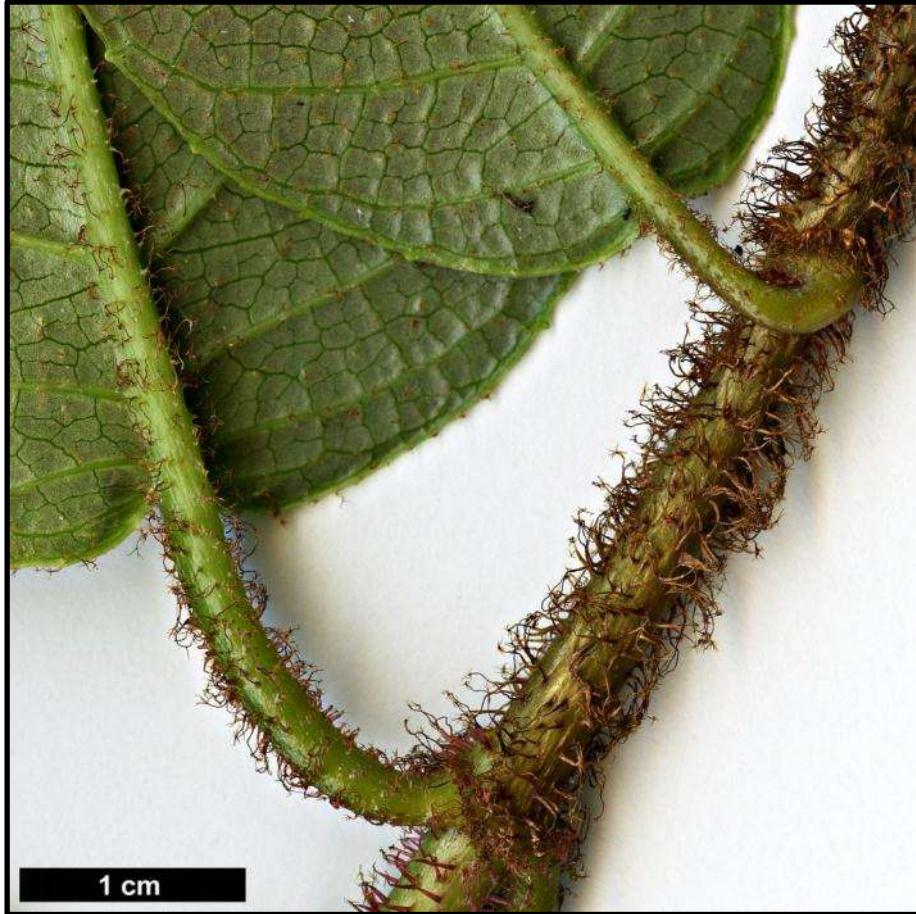


*Hydrangea asterolasia*



**dendroid stellate hairs**

*Hydrangea asterolasia*



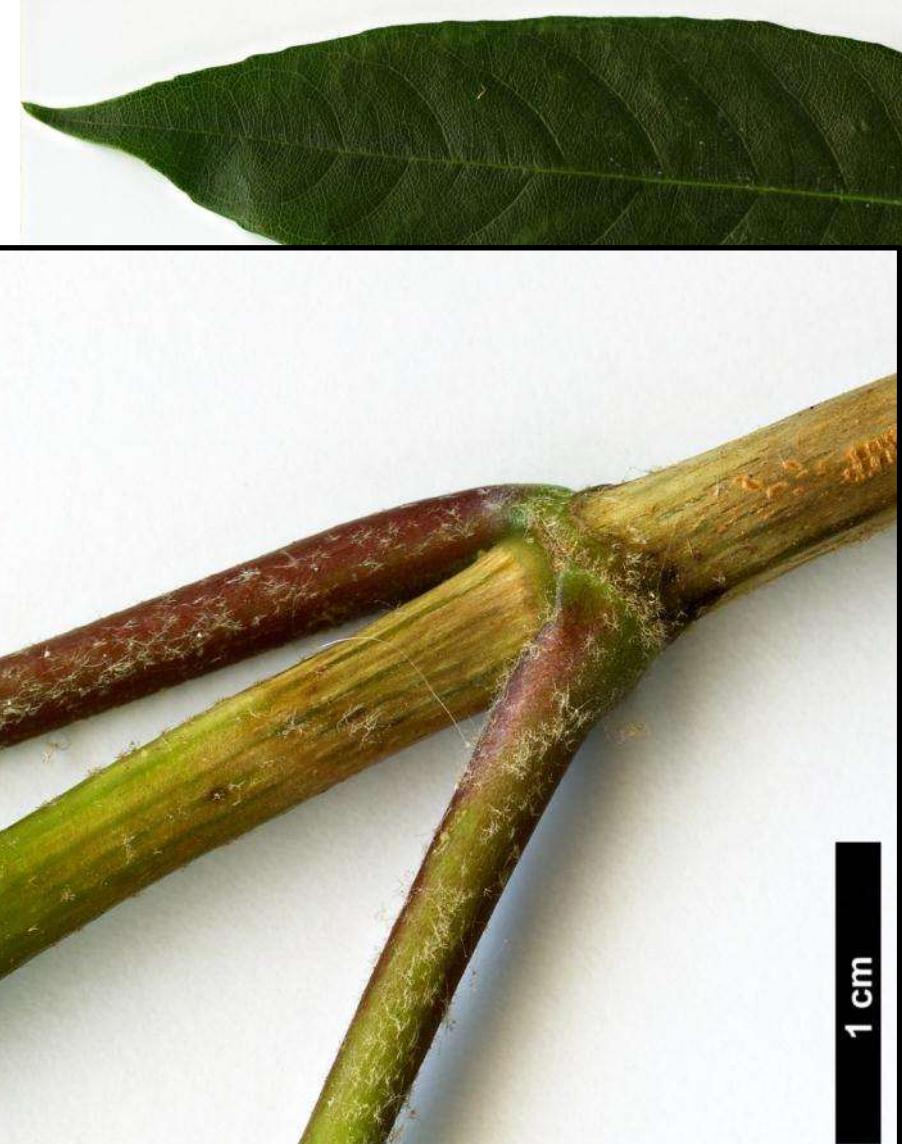
**tertiary veins visible**

*Hydrangea seemannii*



**sessile stellate hairs**

*Hydrangea seemannii*



**GROUP A2: CLIMBING or CREEPING**  
**(aerial rootlets present)**



*single hairs*



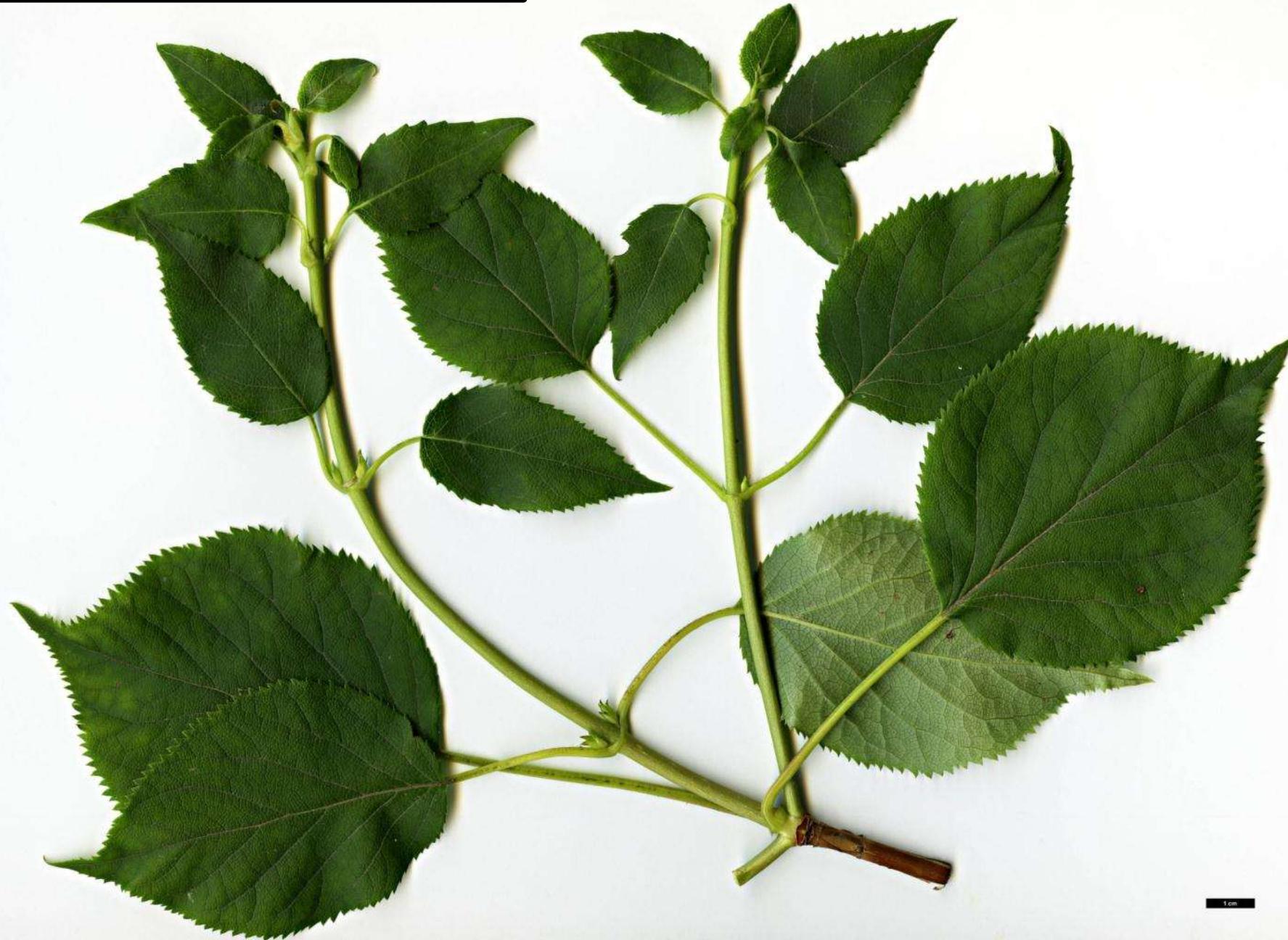
*domatia absent*

*Hydrangea anomala* subsp. *petiolaris*

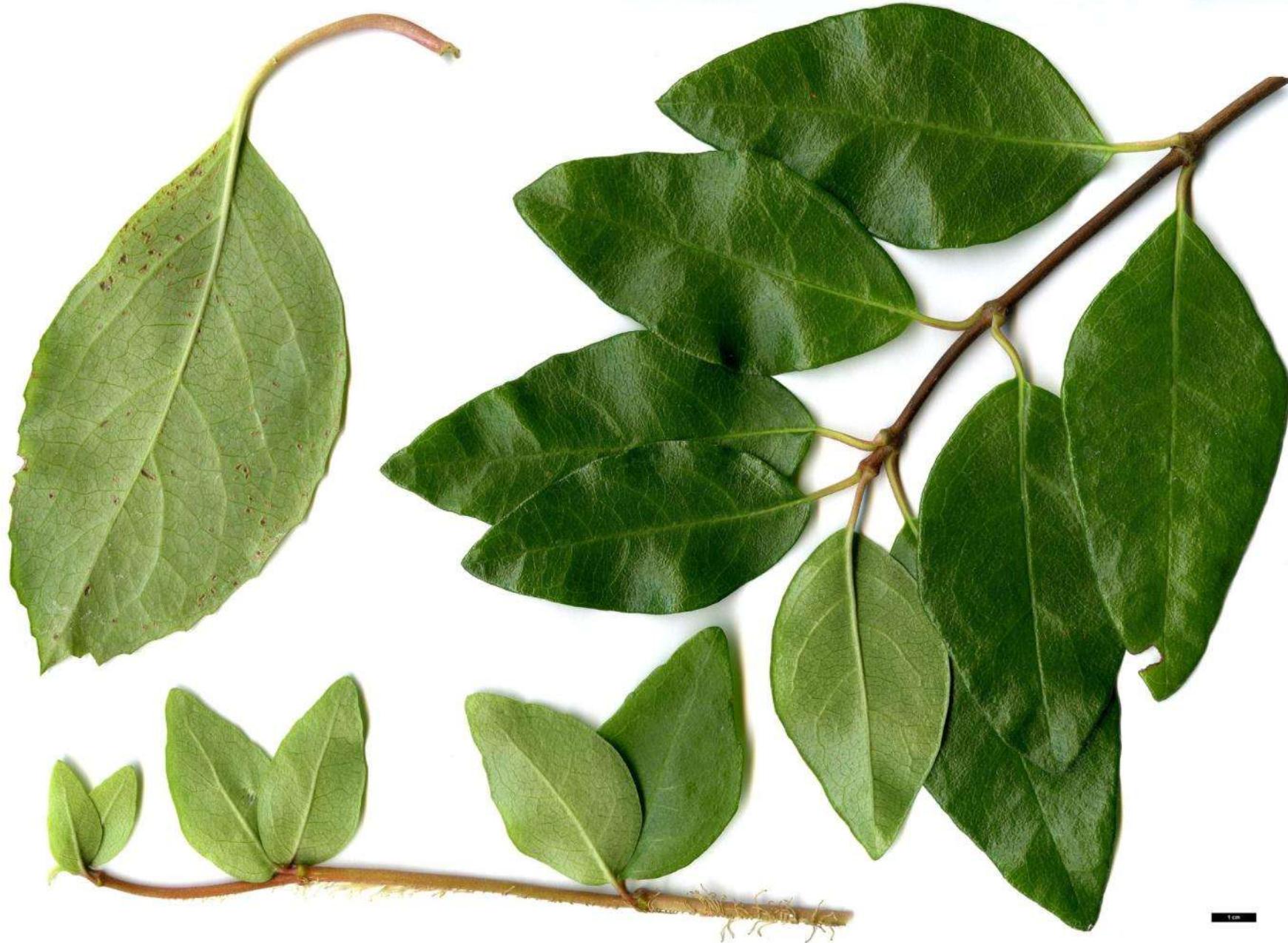


**margin >30 teeth**

*Hydrangea anomala* subsp. *petiolaris*



*Decumaria barbara*



**short petiole**

**lamina elliptic/ovate**

*Decumaria barbara*



*Decumaria sinensis*



**short petiole**

**lamina elliptic/oblong**

*Decumaria sinensis*



*Schizophragma hydrangeoides*



**long petiole**

*Schizophragma hydrangeoides*

**margin dentate**



*Schizophragma integrifolium*



5 cm

**long petiole**

*Schizophragma integrifolium*

**margin entire/dentate**



**GROUP B: SHRUB or SMALL TREE**  
**(aerial rootlets absent)**



**GROUP B2: SHRUB or SMALL TREE**  
**(aerial rootlets absent)**

*petiole 1-2(-3) cm*

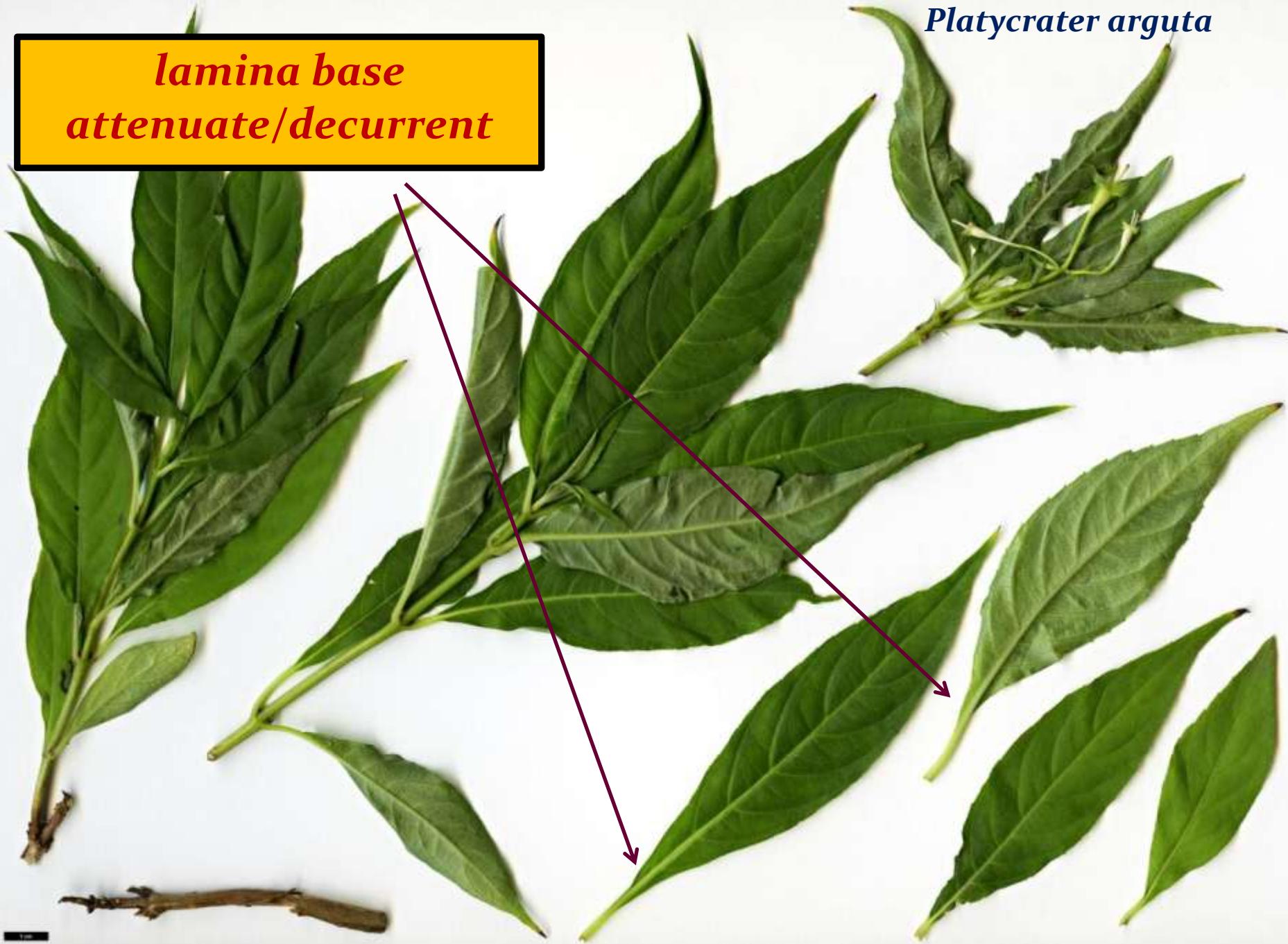


*Platycrater arguta*



*Platycrater arguta*

*lamina base  
attenuate/decurrent*



*Hydrangea lobbii*



*Hydrangea lobbii*

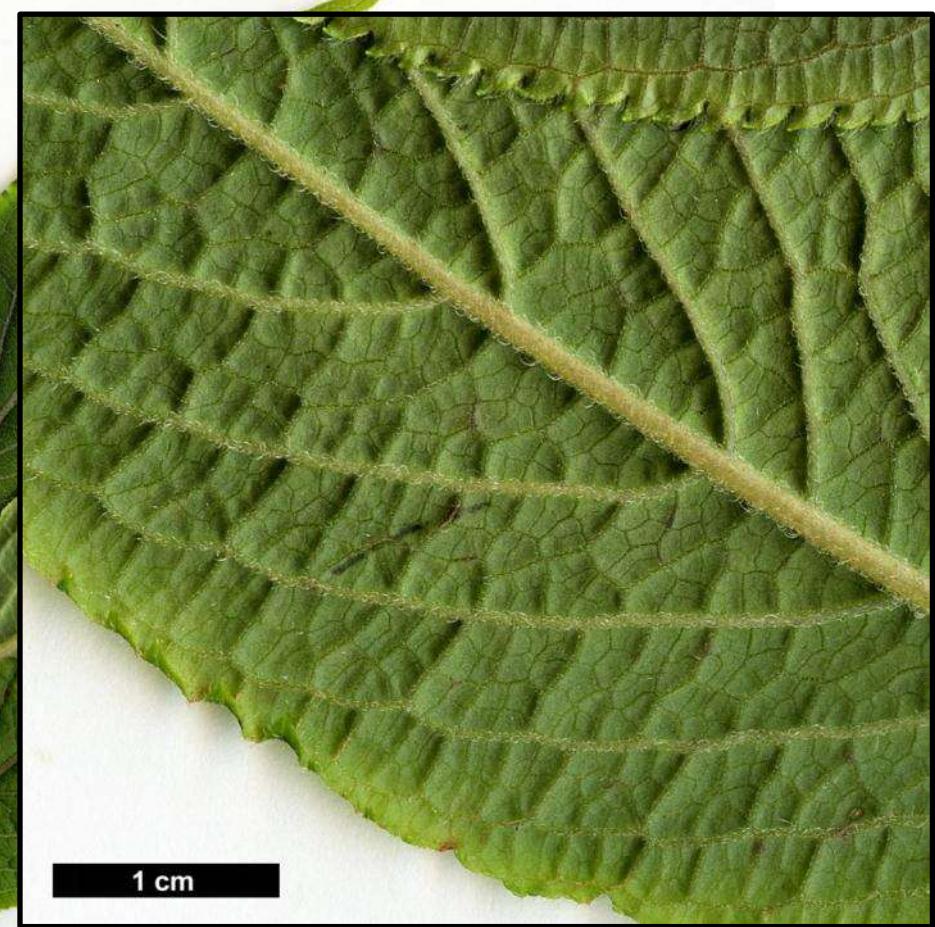


*secondary veins slender  
not or slightly raised*

*Hydrangea davidii*



*Hydrangea davidii*



*secondary veins  
clearly raised*

**GROUP B2: SHRUB or SMALL TREE**  
**(aerial rootlets absent)**

*petiole 3-10(-more) cm*



*Hydrangea sikokiana*



*lamina lobed*

*Hydrangea sikokiana*

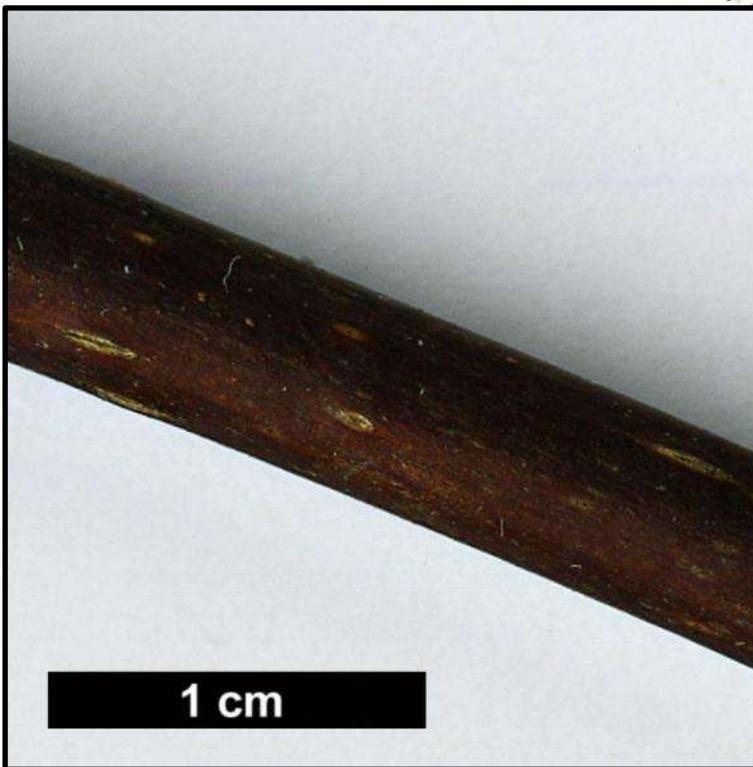


1 cm

*Hydrangea heteromalla*



## *Hydrangea heteromalla*



1 cm



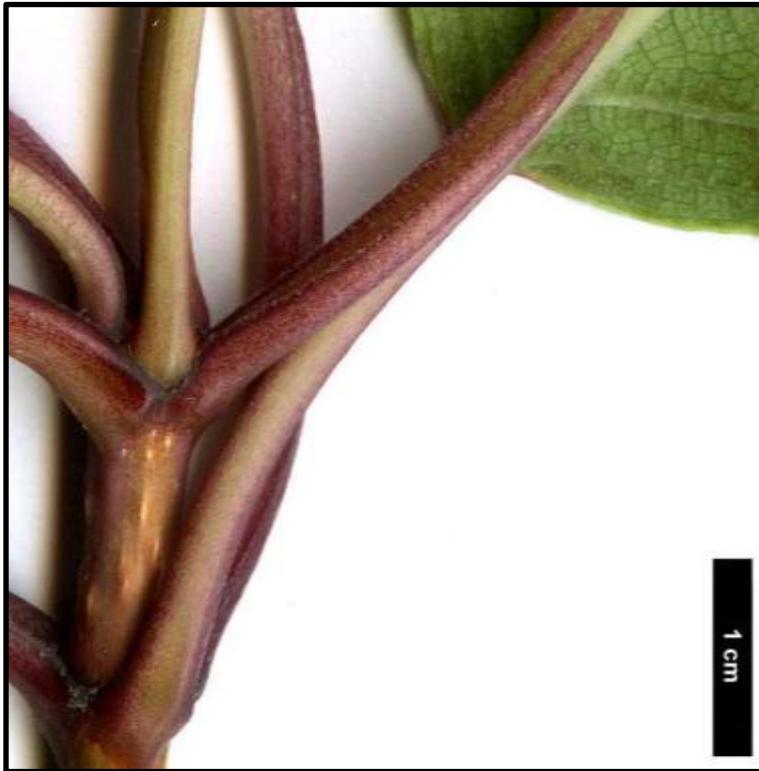
*lenticels quite visible*

*leaf arrangement  
always opposite*

*Hydrangea paniculata*

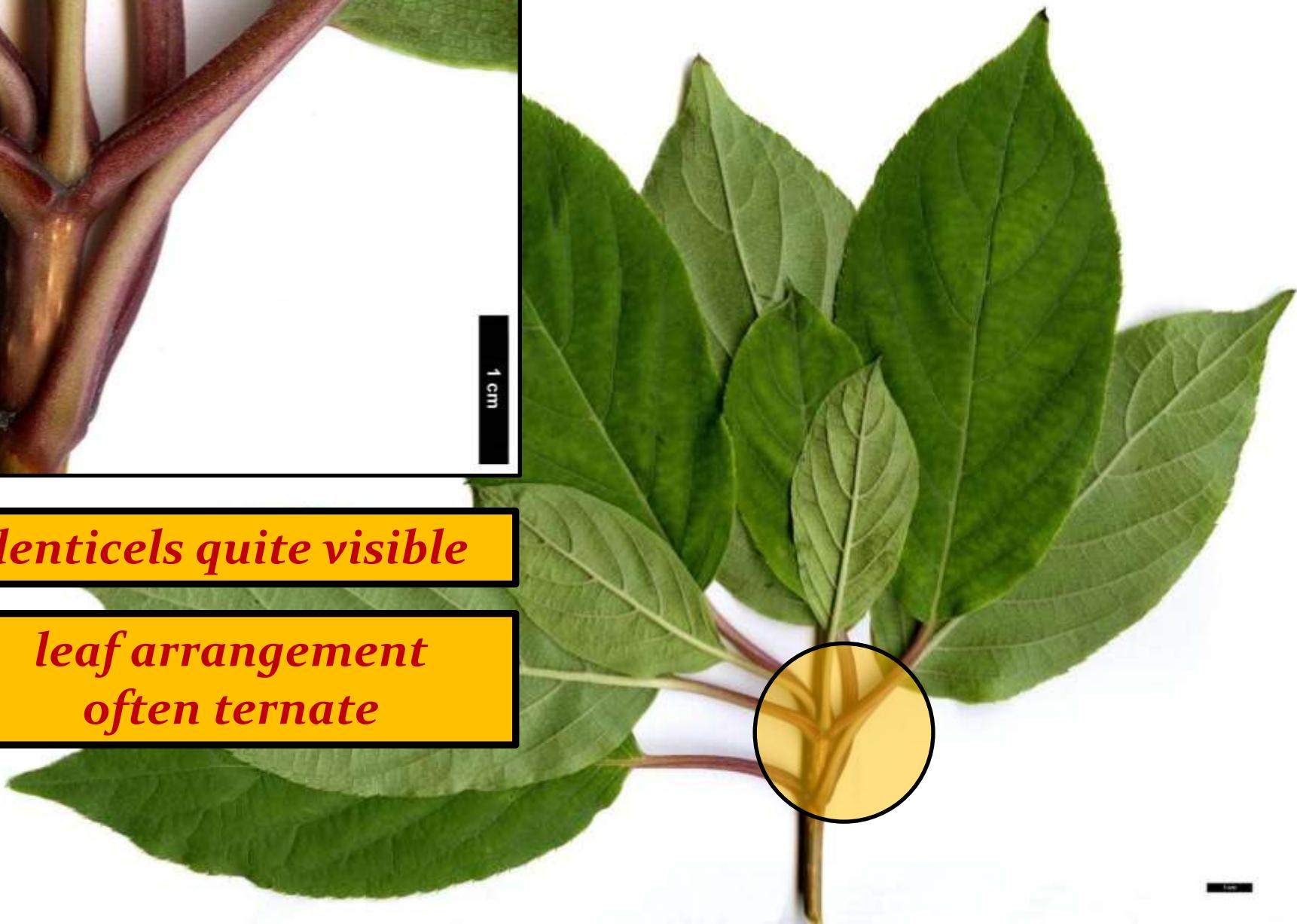


*Hydrangea paniculata*



*lenticels quite visible*

*leaf arrangement  
often ternate*



*Hydrangea sargentiana*



**conspicuous (moss-like) hairs**

*Hydrangea sargentiana*



***lenticels obscure***

*Hydrangea arborescens* subsp. *radiata*



*Hydrangea arborescens* subsp. *radiata*



*lenticels obscure/linear*



$\leq 6$  secondary veins/side





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## Identificatiesleutels en afbeeldingen

Door Jan De Langhe, dendroloog aan de Plantentuin Universiteit Gent, in samenwerking met Arboretum Wespelaar

Deze pagina zal je helpen bij het determineren van houtachtige planten in West-Europese verzamelingen.

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## Identificatiesleutels

Onderstaand kan je enkele identificatiesleutels vinden (in het Engels) voor houtachtige planten in West-Europese verzamelingen. Deze werden opgesteld door Jan De Langhe, dendroloog aan de [Plantentuin van de Universiteit Gent](#), in samenwerking met het Arboretum Wespelaar. Opmerkingen en aantekeningen worden ten zeerste geapprecieerd en mogen naar Jan gestuurd worden op volgend emailadres: jan.de.langhe 'at' telenet.be.

-  [Abies \(Pinaceae\)](#) - 5 March 2015
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-  [Corylus \(Betulaceae\)](#) - 12 January 2012
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## Lijst van geïllustreerde taxa

Klik op de genusnaam en verder op het taxon om de afbeeldingen te zien. Let wel: dit is een werk in opbouw en een aantal genera zijn voorlopig slechts beperkt geïllustreerd.

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1. *Abies* (Pinaceae)
2. *Acca* (Myrtaceae)
3. *Acer* (Sapindaceae)
4. *Actinidia* (Actinidiaceae)
5. *Alniphyllum* (Styracaceae)
6. *Alnus* (Betulaceae)
7. *Alseodaphne* (Lauraceae)
8. *Altingia* (Hamamelidaceae)
9. *Ampelopsis* (Vitaceae)
10. *Aphananthe* (Cannabaceae)
11. *Aucuba* (Garryaceae)
12. *Azara* (Salicaceae)