



*Cypripedium macranthum* grows in grass in bush and forests at 400-3,200 metres above sea level, in eastern Qinghai and other provinces in north and northeast China.

*Cypripedium margaritaceum* is a special plant in northwest Yunnan, growing in forests or on open slopes at 2,800-3,400 metres above sea level. It blossoms from May to July. Its semi-pendulous solitary flower is purplish red, with maroon spots, but has no bracts. Its leaf is dark green, with purple spots on the upper part.



*Cypripedium tibeticum* grows in forests, bush or alpine grasslands at 1,700-4,200 metres above sea level, in Tibet, Yunnan, Sichuan and the Bailongjiang River Valley in southern Gansu. Its rhizome can be made into medicine.





*Habenaria glaucifolia*, a special plant in China, is distributed in most parts of southwest China and Gansu and Shaanxi Provinces. It grows on grass slopes or in mixed forests of pine and oak at 2,000-4,300 metres above sea level. Its tuber can be used to make medicine.



*Habenaria limprichtii* is a special plant growing in Hubei, Sichuan and Yunnan on grasslands or in sparse forests at 1,800-3,350 metres above sea level. It blossoms from June to July.



*Dendrobium denneanum* grows on trees or rocks in forests at 540-2,700 metres above sea level, in southwest China and Taiwan Province. It blossoms from April to June, during which time it does not grow leaves. On its raceme are several yellow flowers. The bracts range from four to nine in the form of a lotus flower. The plant's stem can be used to make medicine.



*Dendrobium densiflorum* is distributed in most parts of southwest China and Guangdong Province, growing on broadleaf trees or rocks in forests at 760-2,400 metres above sea level. It blossoms from April to June. The raceme is on top near the stem. The flower and leaf are luxuriant and plentiful. The young Dai women love to put the flowers in their hair or clothes as a decoration.



*Pleione forrestii* is a special plant in west Yunnan, growing as an epiphytic plant on trees in the forest of *Tsuga dumosa*, *Phododendron* and *Sorbus* at 2,400-3,000 metres above sea level. As it is rare and has unique flowers, it has been classified in the second group of important plants under state protection.



*Pleione hookeriana* grows among mosses on the ground, cliffs or trees in forests at 1,630-3,100 metres above sea level, in Tibet, Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi and Guangdong.



The environment for *Pleione hookeriana*.

