**Korthalsella japonica** subsp. *brassiana* (Blakely ex C.T.White) Barlow

**Family:**
*Santalaceae*


**Stem**
Internodes flattened, about 5-13 x 2-4 mm with a distinct midrib.

**Leaves**
Leaves absent or very small, about 0.5 mm long.

**Flowers**
Flowers produced in a whorl at each node, usually no more than 8 flowers per whorl. Flowers small, +/- globular, about 0.5 mm diam. Usually one male flower and 5-6 female flowers in each cluster but not all mature simultaneously. Male flowers: Anthers fused into a globose structure with one central pore. Female flowers: Flowers scarcely opening, perianth lobes very short.

**Fruit**
Fruits about 1.5-2 x 1 mm. Seeds laterally compressed, about 0.8-1.2 x 1 mm. Seeds immersed in sticky, gelatinous mucilage. Endosperm green. Embryo about 0.2-0.5 mm long.

**Seedlings**
Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to NEQ. Altitudinal range from 1100-1600 m.

**Natural History & Notes**
Parasitic on a variety of rain forest mountain-top species.

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
6031

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