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#### Highlights

► *Agastache rugosa* was characterized as a gynodioecious species. ► Floral dimorphism was clearly exhibited in *A. rugosa*. ► Different functional or non-functional male organs were compared. ► Male sterility in *A. rugosa* could play an important role in maintaining a high out-crossing rate in natural populations. ► We present the first comprehensive micromorphological and embryological data of *A. rugosa*.

**Abstract** We investigated phenotypic expression and floral dimorphism in *Agastache rugosa*, a gynodioecious perennial herb, in five Korean populations. Three phenotypes, based on their reproductive characteristics, were found: plants with hermaphrodite flowers (male fertile); plants with female flowers (male sterile); and an intermediate phenotype, which had both hermaphrodite and female flowers within the same inflorescence. Most populations consisted of hermaphrodite and female individuals, together with the intermediate phenotype. Floral dimorphisms were found in nearly all the organs studied, including the corolla, calyx, and stamen, but not between the gynoecium of hermaphrodite and female flowers. Hermaphrodite flowers always had larger floral parts than those of the female and intermediate phenotype. Although there were no significant nutlet size differences between sexual types, nutlet weight was consistently greater in females than in hermaphrodites. Hermaphrodite flowers possessed a high proportion of fertile pollen grains, whereas in the

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