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Figure S1 Evaluation of *Rhododendron ovatum* genome by *k*-mer analysis and readdepth. A. *k*-mer analysis. B. Read-depth before elimination of redundancy. C. Read-depth after elimination of redundancy.



Figure S2 Genome-wide analysis of chromatin interactions in the *R. ovatum* genome based on Hi-C data. The resolution is 500 Kb.



Figure S3 Genome assemblies of *R. ovatum* (ov) and *R. williamsianum* (wi). From outer to inner is the pseudochromosomes, gene density, transposon elements, tandem repeats and collinear blocks of the two genomes.



Figure S4 Types of gene duplication in the *R. ovatum* **genome.** Singleton means that the gene is single-copy, which should not be the type of members of gene families. Tandem means multiple members of one family occurring within the same intergenic region or in neighboring intergenic regions. Dispersed means that the gene might arise from transposition, such as 'replicative transposition', 'non-replicative transposition' or 'conservative transposition'. Proximal means that the gene might arise from small-scale transposition or arise from tandem duplication and insertion of some other genes. WGD or segmental means that the gene might arise from Whole Genome Duplication or Segmental Duplication.



Figure S5 Ks dot plot between R. ovatum and grape (V. vinifera).



Figure S6 Ks dot plot between R. ovatum and kiwifruit (A. chinensis).



Figure S7 Phylogenetic tree of *ERF* **gene family.** Branches are color-coded according to species. The characters beside each clade represent the subfamily names. Asterisks (*) indicate the genes that have undergone positive selection (Ka/Ks>1).



Figure S8 Phylogenetic tree of *MYB* **gene family.** Branches are color-coded according to species. Asterisks (*) indicate the genes that have undergone positive selection (Ka/Ks>1).



Figure S9 Phylogenetic tree of *ANAC001* **clade of** *NAC* **gene family.** The gene number of the ANAC001 clade in *R. ovatum* was significantly expanded, which is much larger than that of other species.



Figure S10 Chromosome localization of NAC genes of *R. ovatum.* The genes in red indicate members of ANAC001 clade, which show several tandem repeat clusters.

Cluster Dendrogram



Figure S11 Weighted gene co-expression network analysis (WGCNA) of the transcriptomes. Modules of same color represent the genes that have similar expression profiles.



Figure S12 Expression profiles of *HSP70s* and *TPSs* in response to different temperature treatments (25, 37 and 42° C).



Figure S13 Phylogenetic analysis and heat-induced expression profiles of *HSFs* in *R. ovatum*.



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Figure S14 Characteristics of tandem duplication in *R. ovatum* **genome.** A. Tandem duplication ratio of *R. ovatum* compared with the other three *Rhododendron* species. B. The top 20 Pfam domains contained in tandem-duplicated genes of *R. ovatum*.



Figure S15 GO functional enrichment network of tandem-duplicated genes. All the genes generated by tandem duplication were performed GO annotation and enrichment. The relationships of GO terms were visualized using BiNGO in Cytoscape. Size of circles indicates gene numbers included. Circles in yellow or orange color indicate the GO terms that have significant enrichment match (adjusted p-value <0.05).



Figure S16 Tandem duplication ratio of the stress responsive genes. The tandem duplication ratio was calculated as: family genes generated by tandem duplication / total genes of the family. The dotted line indicates the average tandem duplication ratio (20.21%) of the whole genome of *R. ovatum*. The 15 of 20 gene families have higher tandem duplication ratios than the average level of the whole genome.



Figure S17 Expression profiles of CYP450s in different tissues. Three alternative splicing transcripts of one *CYP450* (Ro_40248) have highest transcriptional levels in floral tissues.



Figure S18 Phylogenetic tree of fatty acyl-ACP thioesterases coding genes. The asterisks indicate WGD events.



Figure S19 Statistic of TPS gene subfamilies. *R. ovatum* has much more *TPS* genes than other species. The *RoTPS* expansion mainly occurred in subfamily b.



Figure S20 Phylogenetic tree of TPSs in *R. ovatum*.



Figure S21 Phylogeny of the TPS-a subfamily. A tomato TPS of TPS-g is chosen as the outgroup. RoTPS-a has occurred duplications for most members, thereby significantly expanded the subfamily.



Figure S22 Phylogeny of the TPS-b subfamily. A tomato TPS of TPS-g is chosen as the outgroup. The TPS-b subfamily of *R. ovatum* also has duplicated several times to generate larger group.



Figure S23 Phylogeny of the TPS-c subfamily. A tomato TPS of TPS-e is chosen as the outgroup. Although TPS-c is a small subfamily, number of RoTPS-c is still at least two folds of that in other species.



Figure S24 Phylogeny of the TPS-e subfamily. A tomato TPS of TPS-f is chosen as the outgroup. RoTPS-e has not expanded.



Figure S25 Phylogeny of the TPS-f subfamily. A tomato TPS of TPS-e is chosen as the outgroup. *Rhododendron* TPS-f has expanded compared to kiwi fruit, tea and tomato, but RoTPS-f has not significant expansion than the other three rhododendrons.



Figure S26 Phylogeny of the TPS-g subfamily. A tomato TPS of TPS-e is chosen as the outgroup. RoTPS-g has not expanded.



Figure S27 Chromosome localization of *RoTPS* **genes.** *TPSs* are distributed on 10 of 13 chromosomes of *R. ovatum*, with most tandem density on chr6 and chr7.



Figure S28 Expression profiles of *TPS* **genes of** *R. ovatum.* The *TPS* **genes that have high expression levels are mainly distributed on chr7.**





Figure S29 Structure features of the three alternative splicing transcripts of Ro_38431. A. Amino sequence alignment. B. gene structure.

		Plastid transit peptide	
Ro_38431.3	1	MSLHLFFVPIRSIPLTLGLPPHLTRKPVHSNTHTRLYCLQSSKLVDQDSQ	50
Ro_42833.1	1		15
Ro_38431.3	51	QTSQRRCANYQPTAWNSDFIKSLKNHNVDEIQKQRAEKLKEDVRAMIGDT	100
Ro_42833.1	16	QTFQRRCANYQPTAWNSDFIKSLKNHNVDEIQKQMAEKLKGEVRSMT	62
Ro_38431.3	101	YANSLTILELIDDIQRLGLSYHFDKDIKRALEKIILSMNGNNVMNDQKIG	150
Ro_42833.1	63	DANSLTILELIDDIQRLGLSYHFEKDITRALDRMFLCVNGTNLWTQQKST	112
Ro_38431.3	151	VHATALCFRLCRQHGYEVSQDVFKRFKDENGNFMESLSKDTKGLLSLVEA	200
Ro_42833.1	113	VHAIALCFKLCRQHGYEVSQDVFRRFKDENGNFIESISKDIKGLLSLYEA	162
Ro_38431.3	201	SYFSFDGEQLMEEAKVFTAKHLKGKLANKDLVEQINHALEMPLQHRMLRL	250
Ro_42833.1	163	SYFSFEGEKLMEEAKAFTTKHLKGKTANEDLVEQINHALEMPLQHRMLRL	212
Ro_38431.3	251	EARWYIEAYGKRKDANYLLLEMAMLEFNMVQSMLQGELKDMSRWWEDIDL	300
Ro_42833.1	213	EARWYIEAYGKRKDANYLLLEMAKLEFNMVQSMLQGELKDMSRWWEDIGL	262
Ro_38431.3	301	GKRLSFTRDRLMECYFWNVGLIFEPKFSDCRKSLTKLTVFITTIDDVYDV	350
Ro_42833.1	263	GKRLSFIRDRLMECYFWNVGLIFEPKFSDCRKSLTKLAALVTTIDDVYDV	312
Ro_38431.3	351	YGSLDELELFTAAIHRWDIEAVETLPDYMKLCFLALYNTTNEMAYDILKR	400
Ro_42833.1	313	YGSLDELELFTAAVHRWDIEAVETLPDYMKLCFLALYNTTNEMAYDILKR	362
Ro_38431.3	401	KGVNIIPHLKRAWADICKTFLMEAKWCSNRETPTFKAYLDNALISVSGVL	450
Ro_42833.1	363	KGVNIIPHLKRAWADLCKTFLKEAKWCSNRETPTFKAYLDNALVSISGVL	412
Ro_38431.3	451	ILVHVYFLLTETITQDALECLEKKYHPLVECSSLIFRFSNDLATSKAELE	500
Ro_42833.1	413	ISVYVYFLLTETITKEALECLEKKYHPLVECSSLIFRFSNDLATSKAESE	462
Ro_38431.3	501	RGESANSILCYMHETGVSEQEARKHISSFIEEMWKKMNKERVAADSPFEK	550
Ro_42833.1	463	RGEFANSILCYMHETGVSEQEARKHISSLIEEAWKKMNKERVVADSPFEK	512
Ro_38431.3	551	PFIETAFNLARIAQCTYQYGDGHGAPDNKAKNRVLSVIIEPITLVQRLQH	600
Ro_42833.1	513	PFIETAFNLARIAQCTYQSGDGHGAPDNKAKNRVLSVIIEPITLA—CAK	560
Ro_38431.3	601	RSNLLATVS 609	
Ro_42833.1	561	TSNMLASVS 569	

Figure S30 Amino sequence alignment of Ro_38431.3 and Ro_43236.1. As an example, shows the location of plastid transit peptide.



Figure S31 Expression profiles of adjacent genes of *TPS* **clusters on chromosome 7.** The gray blocks indicate no expression was detected.