

## 12. EPIDENDRUM CORIIFOLIUM.\*

A native of Central America, presented to the Society by  
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This singular plant is, in all its parts, of a tough, thick, leathery texture, and is generally glazed, as it were, with a shining exudation. The narrow stiff leaves are blunt, about 6 inches long, concave, with a sharp midrib. The spike, which is terminal, and about 4 inches long, consists of hard amplexicaul keeled bracts

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\* *E. coriifolium* (Eupidendrum); foliis angustis coriaceis subdistichis carinatis concavis obtusis, spicâ densâ terminali, bracteis coriaceis carinatis herbaceis distichis ovario longioribus, sepalis lateralibus crassis carinatis ovalibus, petalis linearibus spathulatis, labello subrotundo plano emarginato per medium calloso.

pressed close to the flowers, and forming a kind of cone before they expand. The flowers are pale green, very firm and leathery,

with a broad roundish convex lip, having an elevated callosity along the middle. The lateral sepals, which are particularly thick, have a serrated keel at the back.

It is a species of no beauty, nearly related to *Ep. rigidum*, but its leaves are much longer and narrower, and the flowers 3 or 4 times as large, and extremely coriaceous. It flowers in March or April in the stove.





*Epidendrum coriifolium.*