

**Epidendrum prorepens** *Ames sp. nov.* Rhizoma repens. Pseudobulbi fusiformes, diphylli. Folia lineari-oblonga, obtusa, coriacea. Pedunculus terminalis, abbreviatus, pauciflorus. Flores tres, carnosae. Sepala lateralia anguste triangularia, apice carinata. Sepalum dorsale concavum, ligulatum. Petala anguste spathulata. Labelum elliptico-ovatum, acutum, valde concavum. Columna carnea, clinandrium trilobulatum, lobulis lateralibus triangularibus, lobulo medio lineari obtuso.

Rhizome creeping, elongated, rooting at intervals, 3–4 mm. in diameter. Pseudobulbs 6–6.9 cm. long, about 7 mm. thick near the middle, fusiform from a slender terete

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base, obliquely ascending 2–2.5 cm. apart on the rhizome, diphyllous. Leaves 13–14 cm. long, 7–10 mm. wide, linear-oblong, obtuse, conduplicate at base, coriaceous, divergent. Peduncle abbreviated, with the raceme 1 cm. long, few-flowered. Floral bracts about 3 mm. long, subacute or obtuse. Pedicellate ovary about 9 mm. long, ascending. Lateral sepals about 1 cm. long, 2–2.5 mm. wide, narrowly triangular-lanceolate, acute, carinate at the apex, very fleshy. Dorsal sepal 9 mm. long, about 2 mm. wide near the middle, ligulate, tapering gradually from about the middle to the acute thickened tip, very fleshy. Petals 8.5–9 mm. long, 1 mm. wide above the middle, spatulate from a slender base, acute, with a median purple stripe, somewhat carinate near the apex. Labellum 9–10 mm. long, 5 mm. across the middle when spread out, ovate, acute, strongly concave, whitish with a few longitudinal purplish stripes, very fleshy in texture, margin hardly undulate. Disc with a thickening on each side above the base, otherwise ecallose. Column about 5 mm. long, fleshy, with a triangular erect lobule on each side at the summit and a posterior elongated linear tooth which is erect and 1 mm. long in a line parallel to the axis of the column.

Closely related to *Epidendrum abbreviatum* Schltr., which, from sketches preserved in my herbarium, is more slender in habit, with a rather orbicular than ovate labellum, more broadly spatulate petals, and a different column.

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