

**Eria Taylori Ames sp. nov.** Herba epiphytica, pauciramosa, foliis prope apicem ramorum confertis. Caules rigidi ramis foliosis distantibus. Folia in sicco plus minusve chartacea, anguste lanceolata, nervosa, acuminata, acuta, plus minusve quattuor. Pedunculi ex axillis foliorum orientes, folia aequantes vel excedentes. Racemus multiflorus, arcuatus. Pedicelli cum ovario fusco-glandulosi. Bracteae glabrae. Sepala lateralia triangulari-ovata, subacuta, quinquenervia, membranacea, mentum obtusum formantia. Sepalum dorsale lanceolatum, subacutum, basi valde concavum. Petala elliptico-lanceolata, subacuta, trinervia, nervis lateralibus ramosis. Labellum ovatum, obtusum, margine prope medium labelli inaequaliter dentatum, ecallosum. Columna carnea, sepalo dorsali plus minusve duplo brevior.

Roots fibrous, stiff, spreading. Stems 30 cm. or more long, sparingly branched, about 5 mm. in diameter near the base, concealed for the most part by elongated tubular sheaths which in dried specimens are rubeolous. Leaves up to 12 cm. long, 1–1.6 cm. wide below the middle, narrowly lanceolate, rounded at the base, tapering gradually from above the middle to an acute tip, chartaceous when dry, crowded on the upper part of the branches, usually four or five in number. Peduncles ascending from the axils of the leaves, densely and shortly glandular, with the raceme 12 cm.

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or more long, with several ovate-lanceolate smooth somewhat spreading bracts. Racemes about 7 cm. long. Bracts of the raceme 5 mm. long, smooth or only sparsely glandular along the margin. Lateral sepals 7.5–8 mm. long, 3 mm. wide at the base, triangular-ovate, forming a conspicuous mentum which is 2.5 mm. long and obtuse. Dorsal sepal about 8 mm. long, lanceolate, subacute, strongly concave at the base, more than twice longer than the column. Petals 7.5 mm. long, 2 mm. wide below the middle, elliptic-lanceolate from a broad base, subacute, 3-nerved. Labellum 6 mm. long, about 4 mm. wide near the base, broadly ovate, obtuse, with the margin on each side — near the middle — coarsely and unequally dentate, 3-nerved, the lateral nerves much branched. Disc ecallose. Column fleshy, 3 mm. long, produced at the base into an elongated foot.

The nearest ally of this species is *Eria philippinensis* Ames, which has much larger flowers, different leaves and stouter stems which are provided with swollen sheaths. From *E. vagans* Ames it differs in habit. The structure of the labellum suggests *E. dagamensis* Ames, but from that species it is quite distinct in habit.

PHILIPPINES, Luzon, Laguna Province, Mount Maquiling, *Edward H. Taylor* 25, December 13, 1922. On trees in mossy forest. Flower lavender, the tips of the petals yellow. 1000 meters altitude. (TYPE in Herb. Ames No. 25857.)