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Aphyllorchis halconensis Ames sp. nov. Herba aphylla, vaginis amplis instructa. Racemus laxiflorus, bracteis flores subtendentibus elongatis, anguste lanceolatis, ovarium aequantibus vel superantibus. Ovarium glandulosum. Sepala lateralia oblongo-lanceolata, acuta, prope apicem plus minusve carinata, extus sparse glandulosa. Sepalum dorsale sub simile, valde concavum, extus sparse glandulosum. Petala oblongo-lanceolata, leviter curvata, extus per medium leviter carinata, acuta. Labellum trilobatum, sepala lateralia vix aequans; lobis lateralibus late triangularibus, quam lobo medio multo minoribus; lobo medio lanceolato, subtus valde carinato, margine irregulariter crenulato. Discus inter lobos laterales incrassatus, prope basim lobi medii bicarinatus, carinis plus minusve crenulatis. Columna elongata, curvata, superne dilatata.

A leafless herb 11.5 dm. tall, stems clothed at intervals with loose tubular sheaths, those near the base of the plant closer together than those near the summit. Sheaths .5–3 cm. long, the upper ones longest about 10 cm. apart, the lowermost ones shortest about 1.5 cm. apart. Raceme 10 cm. long, loosely flowered. Floral bracts 1.5–2 cm. long, 3 mm. wide, linear-lanceolate, equaling or slightly exceeding the pedicellate ovary, spreading or slightly deflexed. Pedicel with the ovary up to 23 mm. long, densely glandular-pubescent, obliquely ascending. Lateral sepals about 1.3 cm. long, 3.5 mm. wide, oblong-lanceolate, acute, becoming strongly carinate on the outer surface toward the tip, sparsely glandulose. Dorsal sepal 1.5 cm. long, strongly concave, arching forward over the slender column. Petals 1.5 cm. long, about 3.5 mm. wide above the middle, more delicate in texture than the sepals, oblong-lanceolate, acute, lightly carinate on the outer surface, with one central branching nerve. Labellum 1.3 cm. long, unequally 3-lobed; lateral lobes basal, 2.5 mm. long to the sinus formed with the middle lobe, triangular, subacute; middle lobe 1 cm. long, about 5 mm. wide below the middle, lanceolate, deeply carinate at the cymbiform tip. Disc thickened between the lateral lobes, bicarinate at the base of the middle lobe, the

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keels somewhat crenulate. Column 9 mm. long, slender, curved forward, dilated upward.

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