

*Erythrodes roseoalba* Dressler, *sp. nov.*

*Terrestris; foliis lanceolatis vel ovato-lanceolatis, acutis; inflorescentiis longe pedunculatis; sepalis anguste oblongis vel oblongo-lanceolatis; petalis sepalo postico conniventis; labello basi concavo, angusto, apice orbiculato vel obcordato, apiculato; calcar angusto.*

Terrestrial, 10-20 cm tall; leafy stem-6 cm; leaves several, lanceolate or ovate-lanceolate, acute, petioles 5-11 mm, basally clasping stem, blades 2-3.8 x 0.6-1.2 cm; inflorescence 4-17 cm tall, with flowers on upper 3-4 cm, lowest scape bract may be foliaceous, to 22 x 4 mm, others infundibuliform, acute, 6-7 x ca. 4 mm, peduncle and rachis sparsely pubescent; sepals narrowly oblong or oblong-lanceolate, apex rounded, 3.8-5 mm long, laterals 1-1.2 mm wide, dorsal 1.4-1.5 mm wide; petals connivent with dorsal sepal, ca. 4 x 1 mm; lip 4.8-5 mm long, the hypochile basally 1.8-2 mm wide, narrowing to 1.5-1.8 mm, ca. 2.5 mm long, epichile orbicular or subobcordate, apiculate, 2-2.5 mm long, 2-3 mm wide; spur 2.7-3.5 mm long, ca. 1 mm in diam.; column ca. 1.6 mm long.

TYPE: PANAMA: VERAGUAS: Ridge east of Cerro Tute [actually C. Arizona], NW of Santa Fé, elev. 1000-1200 m; 30 October 1977; leaves black-green with silver vein above, reddish beneath, inflorescence and lower sepals pink-red, midlobe of lip and distal halves of lateral sepals white, distal halves of petals white with pink margins, *R.L. Dressler 5736* (holo. MO).

OTHER RECORDS: Cerro Tute, NW of Santa Fé, 10, 11 October 1976; leaves dark red-green with silver-green midrib; sepals red-pink, lip cream, *R.L. Dressler 5526* (FLAS); Cerro Tute, W slope, forest, alt 1000-1200 m, terrestrial orchid, stem pinkish, upper side of leaves dark green mixed with pale green, sepals and petals pink with white tips, lip cream, 23 Oct. 1980, *R.L. Dressler and P.J.M. Maas 5959* (SEL). COSTA RICA: ALAJUELA: La Palma de San Ramón, alt. 1275, 18 IX 1924, *A.M. Brenes (220) 2311* (AMES); Balsa de San Ramón, alt. 1100-1200 m, *A.M. Brenes (45) 1525* (AMES).

*Erythrodes roseoalba* is related to *E. (Platythelys) maculata*, but it is easily distinguished from that, and from *E. vaginata*, by the narrow hypochile of the lip, by the shape of the epichile, which is clearly 3-lobed in the other species, by the long peduncle, and the narrower spur.