2. B. Commersonii; sepalis inferioribus ligulæ formibus apice fimbriatis, caule unifloro (aphyllo?)

Arethusa biplumata. Linn. suppl. 405. Smith ic. ined. p. 23. t. 23. Bipinnula Bonariensis. Spreng. syst. 3. 745.

Habitat in Bonaria. Commerson.

This very obscure plant was originally described by the younger Linnæus from specimens communicated to him by the late Mr. Thouin from Commerson's Herbarium; a figure of it was subsequently published by Sir James Edward Smith. By both these authors the native country was stated to be the Straits of Magellan, an error which was soon corrected by M. de Jussieu who affirms, from the examination of Commerson's original collection, that it was discovered in the neighbourhood of Buenos Ayres. To this Professor Sprengel, upon the very indifferent authority of Molina, adds Chili. But I doubt whether Molina ever saw the plant; it is more probable that he confounded the B. plumosa with this species.