

MAXILLARIA CTENOSTACHYA, *sp. n.*

Caulescens ; foliis subbulbo diphylo vaginantibus pluribus, folio summo laminigero, foliis reliquis triangulis ancipitibus carinatis, laminis ligulatis acutis ; inflorescentiis distichis, squamis triangulis carinatis pluribus (13—15) imbricantibus ; floribus exsertis secundis, bractea appressa acuta parva ovarium subæquante ; mento obtusangulo parvo ; sepalis triangulo ligulatis acuminatis : petalis subæqualibus ; labello trilobo subventricosso, lobis laterali-bus obtusangulis, lobo medio ligulato obtuso producto, flavo furfuraceo, carinis ternis serrulatis a basi in basin lobi medii, ibi abrupto calloso confluentibus, utrinque superaddita carinula serrata abbreviata.

A very interesting species, in a morphological point of view. The floriferous axes are covered with imbricate carinate triangular sheaths, and thus they look like stems of *Lockhartias*. From the axils of the sheaths arise the peduncled exserted flowers, which are ochre-coloured, and very like those of *Maxillaria lepidota*, Lindl., belonging to the "acaules" group. Their tails are so long that they remind one of a *Brassia*. It was imported from Costa Rica by Messrs. Veitch. *H. G. Rehb. fil.*