

Cryptocentrum pseudobulbosum C. Schweinfurth *sp. nov.*

Herba pusilla, caespitosa, pseudobulbifera. Pseudobulbi perparvi, in sicco cylindranei, apice bifoliati, vaginis foliiferis juventute circumdati. Folia anguste linearia, abrupte acuta. Inflorescentiae laterales, basales, filiformes, patentes, uniflorae. Flos parvus. Sepala more generis basi connata. Sepala lineari-lanceolata, acuta. Petala anguste lanceolata, acuminata. Labellum in calcar productum; pars libera lanceolata, acuminata, inferne concava leviter trilobata; calcar pertenuae, cylindraneum, obtusum. Columna perbrevis, apice concavo dilatata.

Plant small, caespitose, 4–5 cm. tall. Roots numerous, fibrous, filiform, flexuous. Pseudobulbs very small, cylindrical, complanate and closely striate-rugose in the dried specimen, bifoliate at the apex, about 7.5 mm. long, surrounded in youth by one or more pairs of leaf-bearing sheaths. Leaves narrowly linear, abruptly acute, up to 4 cm. long and 2 mm. wide, conduplicate below. Inflorescences lateral, basal, filiform, spreading, with several close tubular sheaths, 1-flowered, the peduncle about 4 cm. long. Flower small, nervose. Sepals connate below as in the genus, 5-nerved. Dorsal sepal (free portion) linear-lanceolate, abruptly acute and apiculate, about 7.2 mm. long and 2 mm. wide below. Lateral sepals (free portion) very similar to the dorsal sepal but slightly larger and suboblique. Petals narrowly lanceolate, acuminate, slightly shorter than the sepals in natural position, with minutely irregular margins, 2 mm. wide, 3-nerved. Lip produced into a long spur; free portion lanceolate in outline, long-acuminate, cuneate toward the narrow base,

more or less lightly 3-lobed below the middle, concave below, about 9 mm. long and 3.8 mm. wide across the lateral lobes when expanded, 3-nerved; lateral lobes erect, very broadly rounded; mid-lobe much larger, linear-triangular; spur very slender, cylindrical, obtuse, about 9.5 mm. long. Column short, straight, about 2.2 mm. long at the back, with a pair of porrect semiorbicular auricles above.

This species is at present unique in the genus in having pseudobulbs. It differs from *Cryptocentrum minus* Schltr. also in having longer, narrower acute sepals and narrower petals.

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