

***Spiranthes prasophylla* Reichb.f. var. *cleistogama* Ames & Correll var. nov.**

Scapo longiore folia multo excedenti et spica conspicue secunda et floribus inapertis a specie differt.

Plant slender, epiphytic, weakly erect, glabrous below, pubescent above, 10–30 cm. tall. Scape slender, two to three times longer than the leaves, provided with several acuminate bracts. Leaves basal, several, clustered, mostly sessile, occasionally shortly petiolate; lamina elliptic-lanceolate, acute, up to 8 cm. long and 2.5 cm. wide. Spike usually conspicuously secund, up to 13 cm. long. Flowers cleistogamous, smaller than those of the typical form. Lip pandurate, strongly triangular-deltoid as in the typical form, constricted near the apex to form a triangular-quadrate tridentate lobule; callosities thin, triangular, inside the basal margin.

Variety *cleistogama* differs from the typical form of the species mainly in its much longer scape which greatly exceeds the leaves, its conspicuously secund spike, and its cleistogamous flowers.

GUATEMALA: Alta Verapaz, near Cobán, epiphytic, alt. 1350 m., March 1907 and Feb. 1908, *H. von Tuerckheim II 1673* (TYPE in Herb. Ames No. 1824; ISOTYPE in U.S. Nat. Herb. No. 825824).

COSTA RICA: Cartago, El Muñeco, south of Navarro, on tree, flowers green, alt. about 1400 m., Feb. 8, 9, 1924, *P. C. Standley 33802* (Herb. Ames).