

**Epidendrum amandum** Ames sp. nov. Herba epiphytica. Radices validae, albidae. Pseudobulbi uni- vel bifoliati, pyriformes. Folia ligulata, coriacea, acuta, ascendencia. Pedunculus folia subaequans, pauciflorus. Bractee inflorescentiae triangulares, acutae, abbreviatae. Pedicellus cum ovario glaber. Sepala lateralia anguste oblongo- elliptica, apice leviter incrassata. Sepalum dorsale sub- simile. Petala spathulata, obtusa. Labellum trilobatum; lobis lateralibus oblongis, obtusis; lobo medio suborbicu- lari, obtuso. Discus infra apicem columnae callo excavato or- natus. Columna valida, utrinque ala oblonga inflexa ornata.

Roots coarse, whitish, spreading. Pseudobulbs caespi- tose, pyriform, rugose, up to 2 cm. long, with one or two leaves at the summit, when immature concealed by ample sheaths which soon break down into spreading fibres. Leaves 4-15 cm. long, about 1 cm. wide, ligulate, coriaceous, tapering abruptly at each end, acute, with a prominent mid- nerve. Peduncle with the raceme 8-14 cm. long, equaling the leaves, provided with about four closely appressed sheathing acute scarious bracts. Raceme 2-4-flowered, up to 6 cm. long. Flowers 1.5-2 cm. apart on the smooth rachis. Bracts of the raceme about 3 mm. long more or less, sheathing, scarious, triangular, acute. Pedicel with the ovary 1.5-2 cm. long, smooth. Flowers more or less olive- green. Lateral sepals 11 mm. long, 4 mm. wide, narrowly oblong-elliptic, subacute, slightly thickened beneath the tip. Dorsal sepal 11 mm. long, 3 mm. wide, dilated at the middle, tapering gradually toward the ends, obtuse. Petals 11 mm. long, nearly 4 mm. wide above the middle, spatulate subobtuse, or oblanceolate. Labellum 3-lobed, almost en- tirely free from the column, 11 mm. long; lateral lobes ap- pressed to the sides of the column, 5 mm. long, 2 mm. wide, oblong, obtuse, separated from the middle lobe by a short almost obsolete isthmus; middle lobe 6 mm. long, 7 mm. wide, suborbicular, obtuse. Disc much thickened between the lateral lobes, with an excavated callus which terminates in three prominent nerves that extend beyond the middle of the middle lobe. Column about 7 mm. long, with an in- flexed short oblong obtuse wing on each side in front.

A near ally of *Epidendrum chloroleucum* Hook., from which it differs conspicuously in the suborbicular obtuse middle lobe of the labellum. In dried specimens the middle lobe is provided with one or more purplish stripes.

PANAMA, Foothills east of Panama, C. W. Powell 271. Flowers in January and February. Sea level. (TYPE in Herb. Ames No. 23749.)