

EPIDENDRUM HAMMELII Hágster & L. Sánchez

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Holotype: PANAMA: Province Coclé: Near sawmill 16.7 km north of turnoff to Coclesito from Llano Grande, alt. 700 ft, 6 March 1978, B. Hammel 1809, MO! (illustration voucher.)

Vegetative *Epidendrum gregorii* Hágster simile, sed floribus multo majoribus, sepalis lanceolatis, lateralibus obliquis, petalis linear-ellipticis, labello integro, apice retuso, et clinandrio integro margine dentato-fimbriato differt.

Hierba epífita, cespitosa, ca. 10 cm de alto incluyendo la inflorescencia. Raíces basales, carnosas, 0.5-1 mm de grosor. Tallo sencillo, tipo caña, terete, flexuoso, 4-4.5 cm de largo. Hojas 4, equidistantes a lo largo del tallo; vaina tubular, lisa, 0.5-1.1 cm de largo; lámina coriácea, angostamente elíptica, ápice desigualmente bilobado, lisa, sin quililla dorsal, verde, 2.4-3.7 x 1.1 cm. Inflorescencia terminal en el tallo maduro, florece aparentemente una sola vez, sésil. Bráctea floral mucho más corta que el ovario. Flores 2, simultáneas, resupinadas, aparentemente amarillas. Ovario ligeramente engrosado hacia el perianto, liso, ca. 30 mm de largo. Sépalos subcoriáceos, extendidos, glabros, libres. Sépalo dorsal lanceolado, agudo, márgenes enteros, revolutos, 5-nervado, con dos nervios subsidiarios en la base (pareciendo 7-nervado), 35 x 1.8-2 mm. Sépalos laterales oblicuamente lanceolados, agudos, márgenes enteros, revolutos, 5-nervados, con numerosas nervaduras secundarias, 29.5 x 1.8-2 mm. Pétalos linear-elípticos, obtusos, márgenes extendidos, enteros, 3-nervados, con dos nervios secundarios externos (pareciendo 5-nervados), 24.5 x 2 mm. Labelo unido a la columna, entero, reniforme, bicalloso, con 3 carinas muy gruesas en la base muy cercanas a los callos, margen entero, ápice retuso, 10 x 14 mm. Columna recta, 9 mm de largo. Clinandrio prominente, recto, entero, margen dentado-fimbriado. Antera 4-locular. Polinios 4. Rostelo apical, hendido. Cápsula no vista.

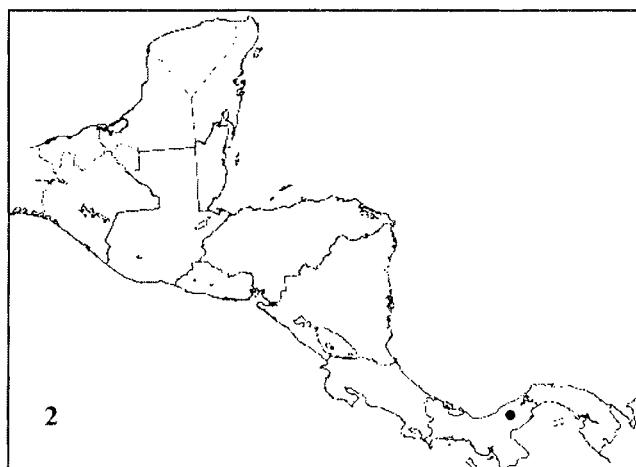
Epiphytic, caespitose, herb. Stems reed-like, terete, flexuous. Leaves 4, coriaceous, narrowly elliptic, apex unequally bilobed. Inflorescence terminal, flowers apparently only once, sessile. Flowers 2, resupinate, simultaneous, apparently yellow. Sepals subcoriaceous, spreading, glabrous. Dorsal sepal lanceolate, acute, margin entire, revolute, 5-veined with two secondary veins. Lateral sepals obliquely lanceolate, obtuse, margin entire, revolute, 5-veined with numerous secondary veins. Petals linear-elliptic, acute, margin entire, spreading, 3-veined with two secondary veins. Lip united to the column, entire, reniform, bicallose, 3-carinate, margin entire, apex retuse. Column straight. Clinandrium prominent, entire, margin dentate-fimbriate. Anther 4-celled. Pollinia 4. Rostellum apical, slit.

DISTRIBUTION AND ECOLOGY: Known only from the type. Epiphyte at ca. 230 m altitude. Flowering in March.

RECOGNITION: *Epidendrum hammelii* is a member of the *E. difforme* Jacq. complex. It can be recognized by the terete stems, two flowers, lanceolate sepals, linear-elliptic petals, entire, reniform lip with retuse apex, straight column and prominent, entire clinandrium with the margin dentate-fimbriate. Vegetatively it is similar to *E. gregorii* Hágster, but floral features separate them at a glance.

CONSERVATION STATUS: Undetermined.

ETYMOLOGY: This species is dedicated to Barry Hammel, who collected the type specimen.



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