

Epidendrum Sanchoii Ames sp. nov. Herba epiphytica, valde ramosa. Caulis primarius validus, elongatus; caules secundarii abbreviati, foliosi. Folia linearia, coriacea, ad vaginas verruculosas articulata, obtusa. Racemi pauciflori, terminales. Rachis valde fractiflexa. Bractee inflorescentiae pedicellum cum ovario aequantes, scariosae. Flores virides. Sepala lateralialia oblongo-lanceolata, acuta, apice conduplicata, carinata. Sepalum dorsale simile. Petala linearia, acuta. Labellum simplex, triangulare, subacutum, apice incrassatum, ecallosum, nervis incrassatis. Columna labello adnata, ecornuta.

Epiphytic herb up to 30 cm. tall, with thickened primary stem, much branched, fruticose. Secondary branches up to 2 cm. long, concealed by the verruculose closely appressed sheaths of the leaves, somewhat complanate. Leaves 1.5 cm. long, about 2 mm. wide, linear, obtuse or subtruncate at the apex, coriaceous, distichous. Racemes terminal on the branches, usually 3-flowered, about 1 cm. long, the smooth rachis flexuose. Bracts of the inflorescence about 3.5 mm. long, concave, acute, equaling the ovary, scarious in dried specimens. Lateral sepals about 5 mm. long, 2 mm. wide, oblong, acuminate, acute, with the apex carinate-thickened, 5-nerved. Dorsal sepal 5 mm long, about 2 mm. wide, rounded toward the base, oblong acuminate, acute, 5-nerved. Petals 4.5 mm. long, .75 mm wide, linear, acute, fleshy, 3-nerved. Labellum adnate to the column, the free portion about 4 mm. long, 2 mm. wide at the base, triangular with the basal angles rounded, apical third much thickened. Disc ecallose, veins thickened. Column 2 mm. long, fleshy, entire at the apex.

Allied to *Epidendrum ramosum* Jacq., from which it differs conspicuously in its more densely branching habit and smaller leaves.

COSTA RICA, near Cartago, C. H. Lankester & Alfredo Sancho 384. 6000 feet altitude. (TYPE in Herb. Ames No 23158.)