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Liparis palawanensis Ames sp. nov. Radices fibratae, plus minusve elongatae. Pseudobulbi caespitosi, e basi lata angustati, foliis infrabulbosis usque ad medium pedunculi attingentibus, anguste ellipticis, foliis duobus ex apice pseudobulbi anguste ellipticis vel lanceolatis. Folia in sicco chartacea, nervosa, valde acuta, utrinque angustata, in petiolum conduplicatum brevem contracta. Pedunculus folia terminalia superans, infra racemum paucibracteatus. Racemus laxus, plus minusve quindecimflorus. Bracteae racemi ovario breviores, triangulares, acutae, in sicco scariosae. Sepala lateralia oblonga, a medio usque ad apicem acutum leviter attenuata. Sepalum dorsale simile sed minus. Petala linearia, sepalo dorsali vix longiora, obtusa. Labellum cuneatum, apice profunde bilobatum; lobis di-

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varicatis, subquadratis, margine apicali dentatis. Discus prope basim labelli callo bilobato instructus. Columna generis.

Roots fibrous, elongated. Pseudobulbs about 2 cm. long, narrowed upward from a broad base, caespitose. Leaves basal and terminal, the basal ones subtending the pseudobulbs, 8 cm. long more or less, 1.9 cm. wide, contracted at base into a broad sheathing petiole, narrowly elliptical, acute; terminal leaves up to 13.5 cm. long, 3.3 cm. wide, borne in pairs at the summit of the pseudobulbs, narrowed from above the middle to form an abbreviated petiole, narrowly elliptical or lanceolate, acuminate, acute, chartaceous and nervose when dry. Peduncle terminal, together with the raceme 14 cm. long, with an abbreviated spathaceous bract at the base. Raceme 6-8 cm. long, about 2 cm. in diameter, about 15-flowered, with the flowers 5-7 mm. apart. Bracts of the raceme about 4 mm. long, triangular, acute. Pedicel with the ovary 6 mm. long, slender. Lateral sepals 5 mm. long, 2 mm. wide, oblong, tapering gradually to an acute or subobtuse tip. Dorsal sepal 4 mm. long, 1.5 mm. wide, oblong, subacute. Petals 4.75 mm. long, .75 mm. wide, linear, obtuse. Labellum 7 mm. long, 4 mm. wide above the middle, cuneate from a somewhat concave base, deeply bilobed above the middle; lobes terminal, divaricate, subquadrate, with the anterior margin unequally and obtusely dentate. Disc provided with an erect bilobed callus near the base of the column, smooth. Column 3 mm. long, curved forward, dilated and winged at the summit.

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