

PLATYGLOTTIS coriacea L. O. Williams, sp. nov. (pl. 34). Herbae epiphyticae, caespitosae, usque ad ca. 4.5 dm. altae. Folia anguste ligulata, obtusa, coriacea. Inflorescentia racema brevis, pauciflora. Sepalum dorsale lanceolatum, acutum vel acuminatum. Sepala lateralia lanceolata, acuta vel acuminata, leviter obliqua. Petala elliptico-oblancheolata, leviter obliqua. Labellum late ligulatum, subpanduratum, integrum, apice rotundatum. Columna generis.

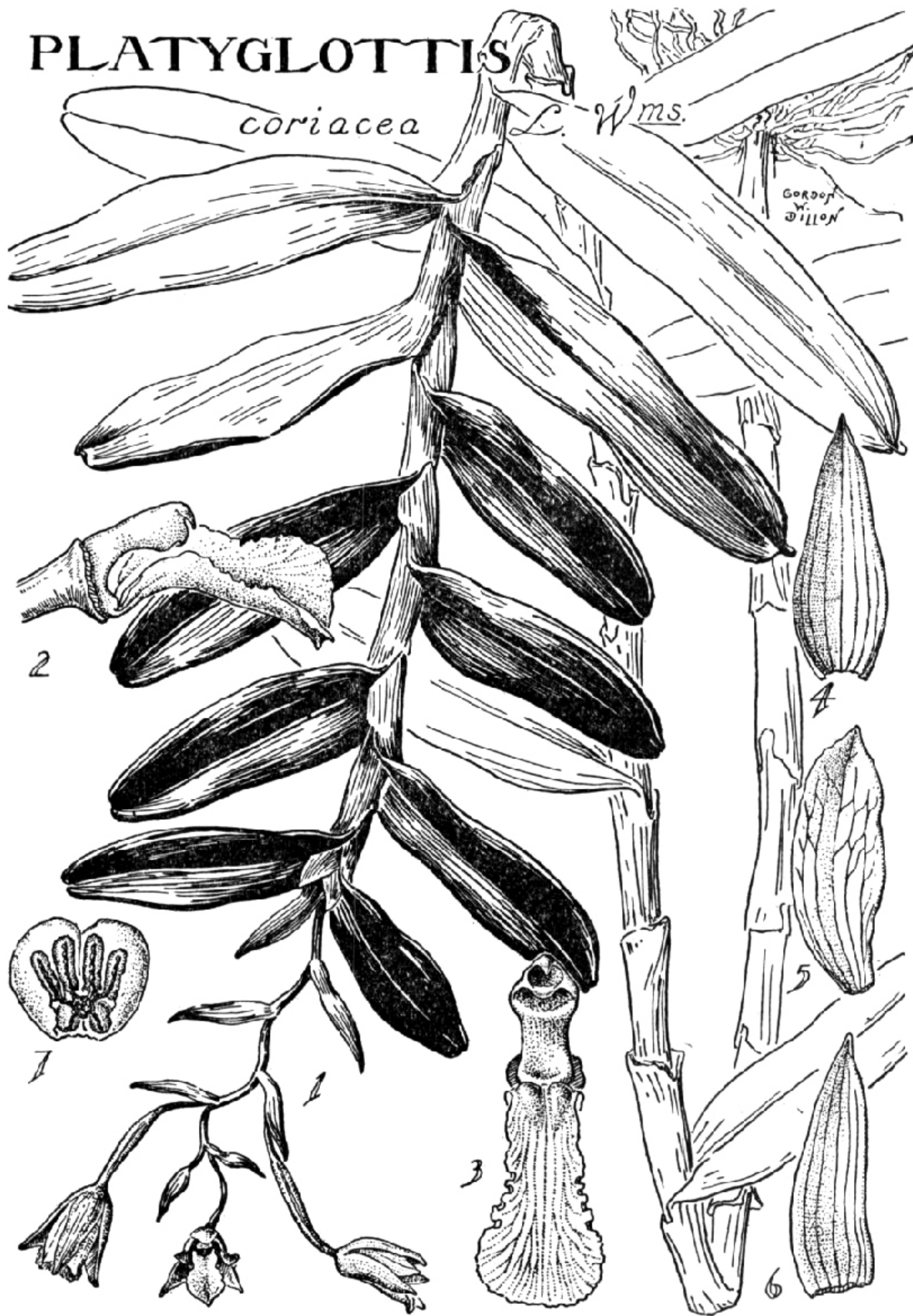
Epiphytic caespitose herbs up to about 4.5 dm. tall. Stems 5–8 mm. in diameter, slender, leafy, becoming naked with age. Leaves 2.5–6 cm. long, 1–1.5 cm. broad, narrowly ligulate, obtuse, obscurely and unequally bilobed at the apex, coriaceous, distichous, deciduous. Inflorescence a short, few-flowered raceme, terminal (or subterminal?); bracts 7–20 mm. long, elliptic-lanceolate, acute, cucullate. Flowers large for the Ponereae, sepals and petals lavender, the lip lavender with greenish margins. Dorsal sepal about 10 mm. long, 3.5 mm. broad, lanceolate, acute or acuminate, 5(–7)-nerved. Lateral sepals about 10 mm. long, 3 mm. broad, lanceolate, acute or acuminate, slightly oblique, 5-nerved. Petals about 10 mm. long, 3.5 mm. broad, elliptic or elliptic-oblancheolata, somewhat oblique, obscurely constricted near the apex, 5(–7)-nerved. Lip about 10 mm. long and 5 mm. broad near the apex, broadly ligulate, subpanduurate, entire, apex rounded, margins thin and plicate laterally; disc fleshy, with a pair of inconspicuous, subumbonate calluses at the base. Column of the genus, about 4 mm. long.—COCLÉ: region north of El Valle de Antón, alt. ca. 1000 m., Feb. 20, 1942, *Allen 2936* (Herb. Ames, TYPE).

Described and illustrated from a herbarium specimen and flowers preserved in alcohol.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE

PLATE 34

Platyglottis coriacea L. Wms.: fig. 1, plant, $\times 1$; fig. 2, column and lip from the side, $\times 3$; fig. 3, column from front with the lip bent down, $\times 3$; fig. 4, dorsal sepal, $\times 3$; fig. 5, petal, $\times 3$; fig. 6, lateral sepal, $\times 3$; fig. 7, anther from below, $\times 10$.



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