

SCAPHYGLOTTIS (§ *HEXADESMIA*) **tenella** L. O. Williams, sp. nov. (pl. 24). Herbae epiphytiae, tenellae, caespitosae, usque ad 5 dm. altae. Caules elongati, tenelli, sub apicibus fusiformes. Folia linearia vel linear-lanceolata. Sepala lanceolata, acuta. Petala oblongo-lanceolata, acuta vel obtusa. Labellum rhombico-lanceolatum. Columna sectionis.

Slender, caespitose, epiphytic herbs up to about 5 dm. tall. Stems elongated, slender, becoming naked and in age swollen and fusiform below the summit, bifoliate. Leaves 20–23 cm. long and 7–16 mm. broad, linear to linear-lanceolate, acute or the apex minutely bilobulate. Inflorescence terminal in the axis of leaves, a fascicle of 1 or few flowers. Dorsal sepal 8–9 mm. long and 3–3.5 mm. broad, lanceolate, acute, 5-nerved. Lateral sepals 8–9 mm. long and 3–4 mm. broad, lanceolate, acute, 5–7-nerved. Petals 8–9 mm. long, 3–3.5 mm. broad, oblong-lanceolate, acute or obtuse, 3- or 5-nerved. Lip about 8–9 mm. long and 4–5 mm. broad, rhombic-lanceolate but somewhat constricted above the middle, fleshy. Column of the section, about 5 mm. long; pollinia 6, waxy.—COCLÉ: epiphytic; hills north of El Valle de Antón, alt. 800–1000 m., Nov. 21, 1940, *Allen* 2276 (Herb. Ames, TYPE).

Scaphyglottis tenella is allied to *S. pulchella* (Schltr.) L. Wms.¹ but is easily distinguished by the smaller flowers and differently shaped lip.



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