

40. SPIRANTHES Llaveana. Lindl. in Benth. p'ant. Hartw. p. 72.

S. glaberrima, foliis, scapo squamis membranaceis acuminatis arctè appressis distanter vaginato, spicâ rarâ elongatâ spirali, bracteis acuminatis floribus multò brevioribus, sepalis petalisque acuminatis, labello lineari apice ovato apiculato pubescente ; callis oblongis liberis.

Neottia micrantha. Llave orch. Mex. 2. 5. ?

Hab. in Mexico, prope Tetontopeque, Maio florens, Hartweg. (*hab. s. sp.*)

The stems are from 1 to 1½ foot high, as thick as a crow-quill, with the scales pressed so close to them that at first sight the scape seems to have no sheaths. The spike is very lax and from 4 to 6 inches long, with flowers resembling those of *S. elata* in point of size. The leaves I have not seen, and this circumstance, together with the statement of Llave that

the labellum of his *Neottia micrantha* has a very thin undulated margin, makes me doubt whether that plant is to be referred to this species.