

**Telipogon parvulus** *C. Schweinfurth sp. nov.*

Herba nana. Caulis vaginis foliorum distichorum omnino tectus. Folia linearia vel lineari-oblonga, coriacea. Inflorescentiae axillares, laxae pauciflorae. Flores pro genere parvi. Sepala anguste ovata, breviter acuminata, concava, nervo medio conspicuo. Petala multo majora, elliptico-ovata, acuta. Labellum perlate rhombico-ovatum, latius quam longius, apice rotundato subacutum. Columna velutina, antice in callum compresso-ovatum extensa.

Plant dwarf, about 7 cm. tall (stem incomplete at base). Roots fibrous, flexuous, glabrous, numerous. Stem short, entirely concealed by the imbricating leaf-sheaths. Leaves linear or linear-oblong, coriaceous in the dried specimen, rounded at the apex with an apiculate tip; blades up to about 15 mm. long and 2 mm. wide. Inflorescences axillary. Peduncles below the raceme up to 3.2 cm. long, filiform, glabrous, with a single infundibuliform spreading sheath enclosing what appears to be an incipient branchlet. Raceme loosely 5- to 7-flowered, suberect or arcuate; rachis more or less fractiflex. Floral bracts spreading, infundibuliform. Pedicellate ovary filiform, elongate, about 11 mm. long. Flower small for the genus. Dorsal sepal very similar to the lateral sepals, but slightly larger. Lateral sepals narrowly ovate, about 6.7 mm. long and 3 mm. wide, short-acuminate, concave, 1-nerved or very indistinctly 3-nerved, carinate near the apex with the keel extended into a short apicule. Petals much larger than the sepals, elliptic-ovate, about 10 mm. long and 7 mm. wide, acute, 9-nerved shortly above the minutely papillose base, minutely ciliolate, without reticulated veins. Lip very broadly rhombic-ovate, 14-nerved without reticulations, rounded or subacute at the apex, about 7.2 mm. long and 9.8 mm. wide near the base, minutely ciliolate, very minutely papillose at base. Column short, velutinous, extended in front into a fleshy compressed-ovate velutinous callus which is long-setose on each side at the base. Pollinia four, complanate-pyriform, in two unequal pairs.

*Telipogon parvulus* is remarkable for its small size throughout. It differs from *T. gracilipes* Schltr. in its much lower stature, smaller leaves and dissimilar fewer-nerved lip which is decidedly broader than long.

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