

TROPIDIA Lindl.

***Tropidia mindorensis* Ames sp. nov.**

Plants about 4 dm. tall, slender, graceful, branching. Stems about 2 mm. thick, clothed by the sheathing bases of the numerous, alternate, linear-lanceolate, acuminate, acute, 3-5-nerved, 10-15 cm. long, 1-2 cm. wide leaves. Racemes leaf-opposed, short, few-flowered, not exceeding 3 cm. long. Peduncle clothed with imbricating, nervose bracts. Pedicels comparatively stout, about 5 mm. long. Flowers yellowish white, tinged with green, odorless, about 1.2 cm. long. Lateral sepals about 1.2 cm.

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long, 3 mm. wide near the base, oblong-lanceolate, acute. Upper sepal about 9 mm. long, ovate-lanceolate, acute. Petals narrowly lanceolate, slightly carinate dorsally along the median nerve, 7 mm. long, about 2.5 mm. wide. Labellum 7 mm. long, apex strongly deflexed, subacute, saccate; lamina somewhat rhombic in outline, intramarginally bicarinate.

In humid forest, terrestrial, at 900 ft. alt. along the Binabay River, Nov. 2, 1906, *Merrill* (No. 5552).

In habit *T. mindorensis* recalls *T. graminea* Bl., differing from our species mainly in its smaller, terminal raceme and flowers. The measurements given above for the height of the plant apply to specimens which appear to have been broken. Specimens with roots were not collected by Mr. *Merrill*.