
Subgenus – *Dendrochilum*

**Synonyms**

None

**Origin in the Wild**

Sumatra

**Elevation in the Wild**

1,400 – 2,000 metres

**Habitat in the Wild**

Collected on Mount Kerinci, Jambi Province and at Bur ni Telong, Aceh Province. Recorded in Aceh in open shrubs habitat on lava rocks where the species was recorded as immensely numerous, covering the slope with a thick layer.

**Herbarium Specimens**

Holotype

I could not locate the type

Isotype

National Herbarium Netherlands, Leiden (L)

*Specimen L0058453*

*Specimen L0322433*

**Other herbarium specimens**

**The Plants Description**

Rhizomes grow up to 50cm long and branch many times. Pseudobulbs are spaced 9cm apart and 4.7cm long. Pseudobulbs are an orange colour (Smith 1945). Leaves are petiolate; petioles measure 1.0cm long. Leaf blades are a lanceolate-elliptic shape and have acute apices. Leaf blades measure 9cm and 2.85cm wide.

**The Inflorescence**

Inflorescences grow from nodes found along the rhizome. Peduncle are covered with small bracts; the bracts are covered with red-brown spots. Inflorescence measures up to 10cm long. Flowers are spaced 3mm apart along the rachis.

**The Flowers**

Flowers are a green-white colour and open widely and measure 8.5mm across. The sepals and petals have a few hairs on them. Dorsal sepals are incurved in the middle and recurved at their apices. Lateral sepals are convex, an obliquely ovate shape, apiculate and are 5mm long and 2mm wide. Petals narrow at their base are an
obliquely lanceolate shape and recurved at their apices. Labellum are very small and measure 2.4mm long. Labella have a broad base and the epichile narrows abruptly. There are two raised ridges which end at the base of the epichile. Column are curved and measure 2.6mm long. Apical hoods are minutely bidentate and recurved. Stelidia grow from just below half way up the column and don’t quite reach the apical column.

Scent
Not known

Flowering Season
Flowering plants have been collected in the wild during March and September.

Cultivation
I do not think this species is in cultivation.

Similar Species
NA

Additional Comments
J.J Smith didn’t compare this species to others and said that it could be differentiated by its unusual labellum.
Reference –

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