Accepted name: *Dendrochilum heptaphyllum* Kraenzl. in H.G.A.Engler (ed.), *Pflanzenr.*, IV, 50 II B 7: 99 (1907)

Subgenus – *Platyclinis*

**Synonyms**
None

**Origin in the Wild**
Sulawesi

**Elevation in the Wild**
No information

**Habitat in the Wild**
The type was collected on Sudara Peak, Sarrasin.

**The Plants Description**

Pseudobulbs crowd along rhizomes, are a pale colour and are an ovoid shape. Pseudobulbs measure 1-1.3 cm long and 0.5-0.6 cm in diameter. Pseudobulbs are covered by dense cataphylls while they are growing and which soon disintegrate into persistent fibres as the pseudobulbs mature. Leaves are petiolate; petioles measure 3-4 cm long. Leaf blades are narrowed basally, a lanceolate shape with acuminate apices. Leaf blades measure 12 cm long and 2-2.5 cm wide. Leaf margins and the number of distinct nerves is not recorded.

Inflorescences are synanthous and filiforme. Peduncles measure c15 cm long. Rachises measure 8-9 cm long. Non floriferous bracts are not recorded.

Flowers are pale yellow, darker when dried. Dorsal sepals are an ovate lanceolate shape with acute-acuminate apices. Dorsal sepals measure 3.5-4 mm long and 1 mm wide, the margins and veining are not recorded. Lateral sepals are an ovate lanceolate shape with acute-acuminate apices. Lateral sepals measure 3.5-4 mm long and 1 mm wide, the margins and veining are not recorded. Petals are broad, an oblong shape and have acute apices. Petals measure 3.5-4 mm long and 1 mm wide, the margins and veining are not recorded. Labella are entire, measure 2.5 mm long and 1 mm wide. Labella are a broadly ovate shape. There are no ornaments. The margins are not recorded. Columns measure 1.5 mm long and 1 mm wide, narrower basally. The original description describes the column as foliaceum. Column feet are not recorded. Apical hoods are dentate, with 5 similar looking teeth, the original description describes the teeth as 'scared' and look like stelidia. Stelidia emerge from just below the upper part of columns, and are hooked.

**Herbarium Specimens**
Holotype
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Specimen – Destroyed (Lectotype not designated)

Isotype
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (K)
Id uncertain

Scent
I could find no information

Flowering Season
October in the wild

Cultivation
I do not think this species is in cultivation

Other Information
The description above was translated from Latin for this website. A full review of this species is required and a complete description written after examination of any surviving herbarium specimens.

This is one of the least known Dendrochilum species. The holotype has been destroyed. Jaap Vermeulen and Ed de Vogel collected a plant that could be this species; this specimen is held at Kew its ID uncertain.

Reference –
ENGLER, H G A., PFITZER, E., KRANZLIN, Fr. 1907, Das Pflanzenreich, Regini Vegetabilis Conspectus, IV 50 II B 7, Orchidaceae-Monandreae-Coelogyninae
