

2. *Hedychium ellipticum* Ham. ex Smith in Rees. Cyclop.17.2. 1811;Roscoe, Monandr. Pl.t.55.1828; Lodding.Bot.Cabin.t. 1881.1832; Wall.in Kew Journ. Bot. 5:327.1853 ; Horan. Monogr.25.1862;Bak.Hook.f.in Fl.Br.Ind.6:228.1892;Schum. in Pflanzenreich 4:48.1904.-Fig.2

Leafy stem up to 1 m tall. **Leaves:** blades elliptic to elliptic-oblong,18-30x4-6 (-10) cm,the apex long acuminate to caudate, the base rounded or cuneate, both surfaces glabrous,petiole 0.5-1.5 cm long; ligule 0.5-1 cm long, glabrous, the apex truncate or shallowly lobed.



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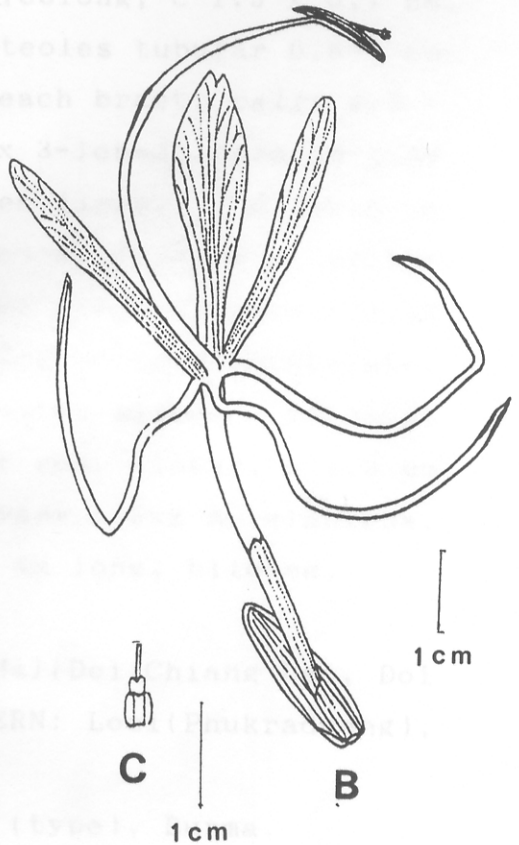


Fig.2. *Hedychium ellipticum* - A: habit; B: flower; C: ovary stylodes and part of style.

*Inflorescence* eccentric, 4 - 6 (-10) cm long; peduncle 1 - 3 cm long; bracts imbricate, oblong, c 1.5 x 0.7 cm, glabrous, the apex acute; bracteoles tubular 0.8-1 cm long, glabrous. *Flowers* one in each bract; *calyx* 2.2 - 2.5 cm long, glabrous, the apex 3-lobed; *corolla-tube* 4.5-5 cm long, glabrous, the lobes linear, c 5.3x0.2 cm the apex of the dorsal lobe hooded, acuminate, of the lateral lobes rounded; staminodes yellow, linear, c 3.4x 0.3 cm, the apex rounded; *labellum* white, oblanceolate, c 3.6 x 0.7 cm, the apex emarginate; *stamen* : filament yellowish, c 6.3 cm long, anther red, linear, c 1.3 cm long, basal appendages c 3 mm; *ovary* c 3x2 mm, glabrous, ovules several; stylodes c 1.5 mm long, bilobed.

**Thailand.**- NORTHERN : Chiang Mai (Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Suthep), Phitsanulok; NORTH-EASTERN: Loei (Phukradueng); EASTERN : Nakhon Ratchasima.

**Distribution.**- India, Himalaya (type), Burma.

**Ecology.**- In evergreen forest, alt. c 600-1500 m.

**Vernacular.**- Taa hoen wai (ต่าเหินไหว) (Northern); Sa hoen (สะเหิน), Sa hoen tua phuu (สะเหินตั่วฝู) (North-eastern).