

**177. CHAMAEANTHUS** Schlechter ex J. J. Smith, *Orch. Java*, 552. 1905.

低药兰属 di yao lan shu

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Herbs, epiphytic, small, monopodial. Stems very short. Leaves few, to  $7 \times 1$  cm, somewhat fleshy, jointed and sheathing at base. Inflorescences lateral, simple, to ca. 20-flowered; rachis usually clavate. Flowers ephemeral, only a few open at a time, greenish yellow, small, superficially resembling *Bulbophyllum*. Sepals and petals similar, often linear and acuminate, to  $4-6 \times 3$  mm; lateral sepals adnate to column foot; lip movable, without a spur, sometimes saccate, 3-lobed; lateral lobes auriculate, margins somewhat fimbriate; mid-lobe conic, fleshy. Column short, stout, with a foot ca. 3 mm, rostellar projection elongate; stipe ligulate, ca.  $2 \times$  diam. of pollinia; viscidium obovate, small; pollinia 2, entire, although some specimens having a very tiny notch.

About three species: from S Thailand southeast to Java and New Guinea, northeast to Taiwan and the Philippines; one species in China.

**1. Chamaeanthus wenzelii** Ames, *Orchidaceae* 5: 200. 1915.

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Stems 2–2.5 cm. Leaves 8–10, distichous; leaf blade linear, falcate,  $2-10 \times 0.3-0.5$  cm, leathery, with an amplexicaul, sheathing base, apex acute and irregularly bilobed. Inflorescences axillary, 2–3 cm, many flowered; floral bracts linear-lanceolate, ca. 3 mm, acuminate. Flowers erect, yellow, small;

pedicel and ovary 2–2.5 mm. Sepals linear-lanceolate,  $5-5.5 \times$  ca. 1 mm, membranous, abaxially  $\pm$  carinate, apex cuspidate; dorsal sepal concave. Petals lanceolate,  $4-4.5 \times$  ca. 1 mm, acuminate; lip immovable, 2–2.5 mm, 3-lobed; lateral lobes erect, nearly orbicular, membranous, margin  $\pm$  serrate; mid-lobe triangular, 1–1.2 mm, subfleshy, acute. Fl. Feb.

Epiphytic on tree trunks in forests. S Taiwan [Philippines].

