

151. DIPLOPRORA J. D. Hooker, Fl. Brit. India 6: 26. 1890.

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Herbs, epiphytic, monopodial. Stems pendulous, terete or slightly flattened, sometimes branched, with many nodes. Leaves distichous, with sheathing bases; leaf blade narrowly ovate to falcate-lanceolate, jointed to amplexicaul sheath. Inflorescence lateral, racemose, laxly few flowered. Flowers not resupinate, appearing a few at a time, opening widely, slightly fleshy. Sepals and petals similar, free, spreading, sepals carinate abaxially. Petals narrower than sepals; lip superior, spurless, fleshy, broadly attached to column base, immovable; hypochile boat-shaped, with raised lateral lobes; epichile narrowed, long drawn-out, apex \pm forked into 2 tails, or truncate. Column lacking a foot, short, stout; stigma large; pollinia 4, unequal, globose; stipe narrowed from a broad base; viscidium ovate.

Two species: China, India (including Andaman Islands), Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam; one species in China.

1. *Diploprora championii* (Lindley ex Benth) J. D. Hooker, Fl. Brit. India 6: 26. 1890.

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Cotonia championii Lindley ex Benth, Hooker's J. Bot. Kew Gard. Misc. 7: 35. 1855; *Diploprora bicaudata* (Thwaites) Schlechter; *D. championii* var. *uraiensis* (Hayata) S. S. Ying; *D. kusukusensis* Hayata; *D. uraiensis* Hayata; *Luisia bicaudata* Thwaites; *Stauropis championii* (Lindley ex Benth) Tang & F. T. Wang; *S. kusukusensis* (Hayata) Tang & F. T. Wang.

Stems often pendulous, 3–15 cm or longer, ca. 4 mm in diam., rigid, usually unbranched, internodes 1–1.5 cm. Leaf sessile, falcate-lanceolate or obliquely oblong, 5–12 \times 1.6–2.7 cm, papery, jointed, margin sometimes slightly undulate, apex acute

to apiculate. Inflorescences laxly 4–8-flowered; peduncle 1.5–2.8 cm, sheathed at base, glabrous; rachis ca. 3.5 cm, winged, weakly zigzag; floral bracts ovate-triangular, 3–4 mm, acute. Flowers fragrant, pale yellow, with white-rosy lip, ca. 1 cm in diam., slightly fleshy; pedicel and ovary ca. 8 mm. Sepals oblong or elliptic, ca. 9 \times 4 mm, dorsally carinate, apex obtuse. Petals linear-oblong, ca. 8 \times 2 mm, acute; lip sigmoidally curved, 5–8 \times 3–4 mm, adnate to base and sides of column; hypochile erect, cymbiform, ca. 5 \times 4 mm, edges recurved; epichile broadly triangular at base, narrowed abruptly to a bicaudate apex; disk with an erect keel. Column ca. 3 mm, broad, foot absent. Capsule cylindric, ca. 4 cm \times 8–10 mm. Fl. and fr. Feb–Sep. $2n = 16, 38$.

Epiphytic on tree trunks in forests or lithophytic on rocks along valleys; 200–1500 m. S Fujian, Guangxi, Hong Kong, Taiwan, S and SE Yunnan [India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam].

