

Maxillaria aromatica.

GEN. CHAR.—Bot. Reg. fol. 897.

SPEC. CHAR.—*M. aromatica*; bulbo ovato compresso, foliis numerosis æquitantibus, scapis radicalibus, unifloris, labello semicylindræo, lobo medio majore denticulato, labello interno integerrimo angustiori.

DESCRIPTION.—*Roots* fleshy, cylindrical. *Bulb* ovate, much compressed, green, with two indistinct rounded angles on each side. *Leaves* numerous, equitant, lanceolate, acuminate, bright green and shining, rising from the base of the old bulb, and before any distinct bulb is formed at their origin. *Scapes* several from the base of the bulb, slender, round, jointed, having a marcescent brown sheath at each joint. *Flowers* solitary. *Perianth*, 3 outer segments spreading, greenish-yellow, acuminate, pubescent on the inside near the base, especially the upper one, which is lanceolate, the others ovate, dilated downwards, covering laterally the rounded base of the lip, but scarcely involute, and here quite unconnected with each other; 2 inner segments lanceolate, pointed, reflected at the apex, entire. *Lip* semicylindrical, fleshy (as is the whole perianth, though in a smaller degree), pubescent within, parallel with the column, and loosely articulated with its elongated base; lateral lobes small, their upper edges somewhat involute, their apices turned a little down; middle lobe nearly as long as the inner segments of the perianth, reflexed, rounded at its apex, and edged with minute teeth, attenuated at the base, inserted into the back of a broader internal lobe, which is quite entire, reflected at the margin, and ascends in a point at each side, so as nearly to touch the lateral lobes towards their extremities; labellum and inner segments of perianth orange-yellow, sprinkled on the inside with red dots. *Column* linear, pubescent in front, especially towards the top, beaked above the stigma. *Anther* terminal; pollen-masses 2, yellow, rounded, scarcely flattened, each furrowed in the outer side, attached by very short partial pedicels to the summit of a flat white common pedicel, which is rather longer than the pollen-masses, and is reflected under the anther-case from the beak of the column, to which it is attached by a round flat scale; anther-case blunt. *Germen* 6-furrowed.

The flowers are perfumed very like to Cinnamon, from which circumstance I have taken the trivial name.

This very pretty parasite is a native of Mexico, where the bulbs were procured by Lord Napier, and obligingly communicated to the Royal Botanic Garden at Edinburgh in 1825.