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CYMBIDIUM TIGRINUM PARISH EX HOOK.—A NEW RECORD FROM NAGALAND, INDIA

During a search for type specimens in the early collections of the Herbarium of the Industrial Section, Botanical Survey of India, a specimen collected at Konoma, Naga hills in the year 1895 and named *Cymbidium tigrinum* Parish ex Hook. caught our attention, as this orchid has so far been reported only from Tenasserim, Burma (Type locality) and 'on the Siam frontier'. Holttum (1957) has included this in his list of cultivated Cymbidiums in the Botanic Gardens, Singapore. A careful study of the specimen and relevant literature confirmed its identity. Thus, its occurrence in Nagaland forms a new locality in India and an addition to its hitherto known distribution. This also implies its occurrence in the neighbouring areas of Tirap and Mizoram and to help in recognising this species a short description together with an illustration is provided here.

Cymbidium tigrinum Parish ex Hook. in Curtis Bot. Mag. t. 5457. 1864; Hook. f. Fl. Brit. Ind. 6: 9. 1890.

Pseudobulb sub-rotund or ovoid, wrinkled, with 3-4 oblong-lanceolate leaves at top. *Leaves* 4-10 cm long. *Scape* radical, 5-6 flowered. *Flowers* large, greenish-yellow with purple blotches on creamy white lip; pedicel 3-4 cm long. *Sepals* sub-equal, 5-7-nerved,

3.2-3.8 cm long, 0.4-0.7 cm broad. *Petals* 7-nerved, smaller than the sepals, ca 3.1 cm long, 0.5 cm broad. *Lip* large, ca 3 cm long, 2 cm broad, 3-lobed with two ridges in between the side lobes. *Column* incurved, ca 2.5 cm long.

Konoma (Naga Hills), 2666 m, 19th May 1895, Watt 11610 (I.S.I.M. et CAL); *Annon. s.n.* Acc. No. 456206. (CAL).

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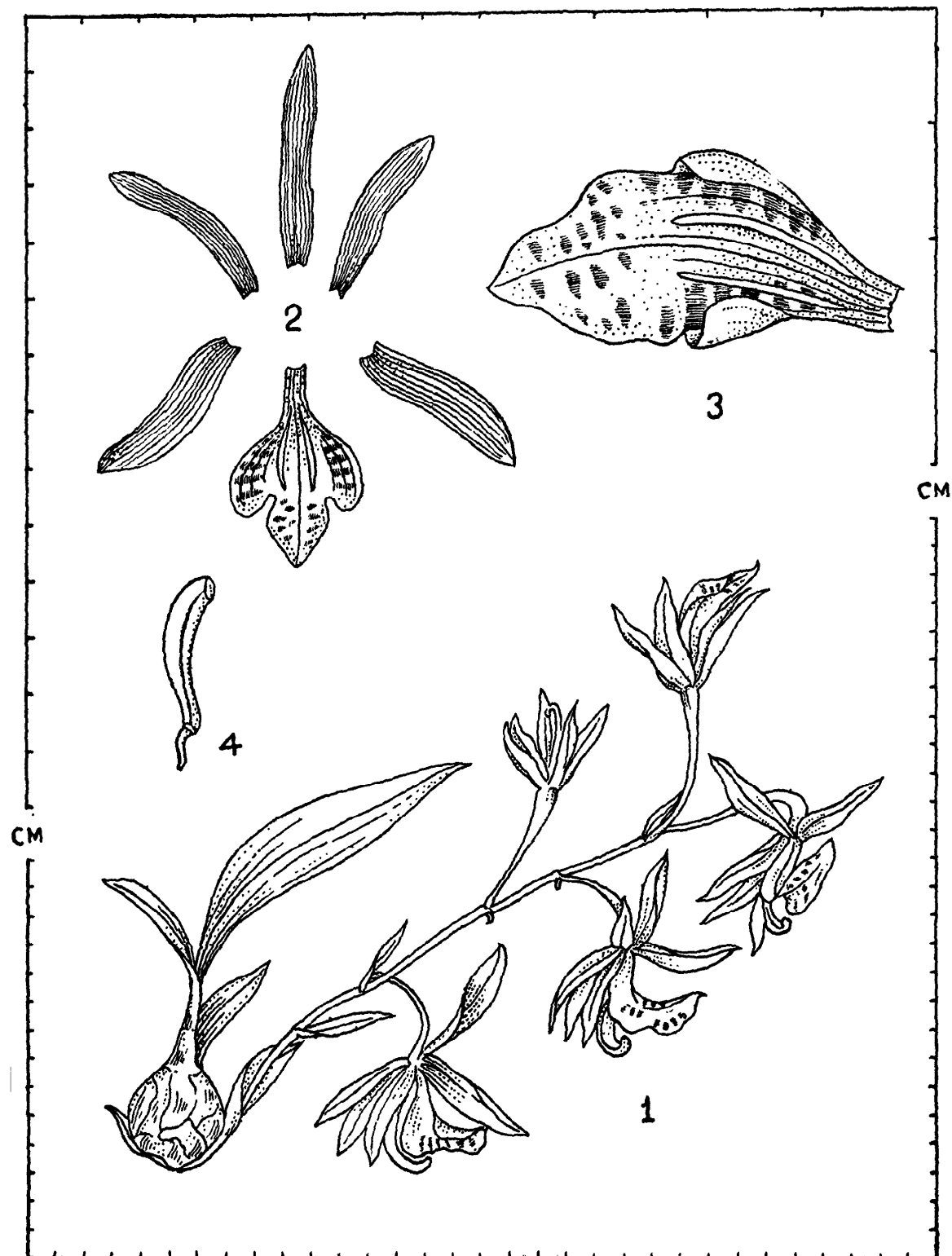
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Cymbidium tigrinum Parish ex Hook.

Figs. 1-4: 1. Habit. 2. Perigone spread out with lip. 3. Lip. 4. Column.