A NEW COMBINATION IN AGROSTOPHYLLUM
(ORCHIDACEAE)

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Agrostophyllum elongatum (Ridley) Schuiteman, *comb. nov.*


**Distribution.** Malesia: Malaya, Philippines, New Guinea; Solomon Islands, Caroline Islands (Palau).

**Notes.** This widespread member of *Agrostophyllum* section *Appendiculopsis* is well known as *Agrostophyllum hasseltii* (Blume) J.J. Smith, but unfortunately this is a later homonym. Specimens from New Guinea and further east are usually identified as *A. costatum* J.J. Smith, with which *A. palawense* Schltr. is certainly synonymous. These specimens are to some extent characterized by the leaf sheaths, which are deeply slit with decurrent black margins, producing a neat zigzag pattern on the stems. However, transitions from entire to deeply slit leaf sheaths can be observed almost throughout the range of *A. elongatum* and therefore I have little hesitation in regarding *A. costatum* as a synonym of *A. elongatum*.

An illustrated account of section *Appendiculopsis* is in preparation.