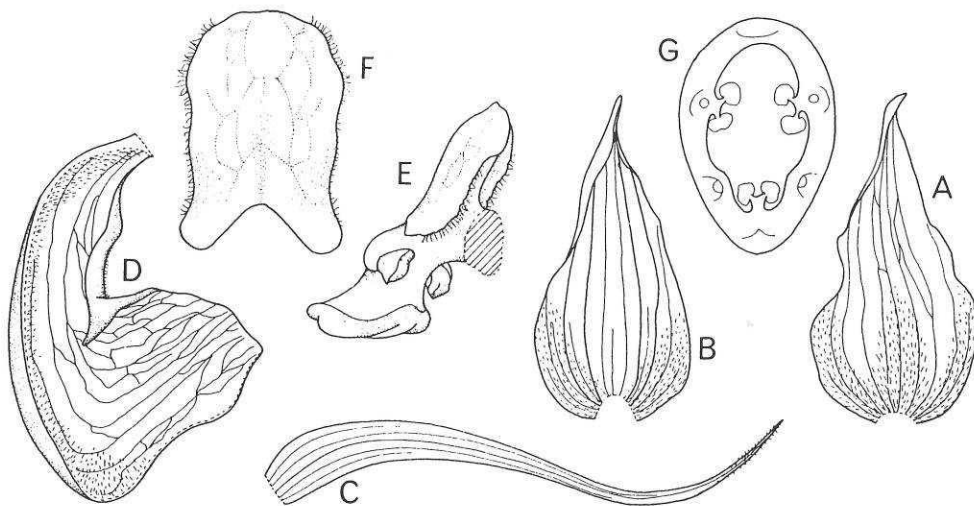


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DESCRIPTION. *A terrestrial herb. Leaves* c. 6, c. 23–26 cm long, 3.9–4.2 cm wide, oblong-ligulate to slightly oblanceolate, obtuse and minutely tridentate at apex, dark green with a hyaline margin. *Inflorescence* 2- or 3-flowered; peduncle arching, 20–34 cm long, purple, pubescent; bracts up to 4 cm long, 1.3 cm wide, green veined with maroon. *Flowers* more or less glabrous, 5.9–9 cm across, 14–18 cm tall; sepals pale greenish-yellow or white, strongly maroon-veined; petals pale yellow, spotted with maroon in basal half, maroon in apical half; lip pale yellow, mottled and veined purple on front of slipper; staminode yellow with purple glands; pedicel and ovary 3.5–5 cm long, green, suffused purple-brown, glabrous. *Dorsal sepal* arching, ovate, acuminate, 4.5–6.5 cm long, 2.3–3.5 cm wide, finely pubescent on outside. *Synsepal* ovate, acuminate, 5.2–7 cm long, 2.3–3.4 cm wide. *Petals* arcuate-dependent, linear-tapering acute, 8–15 cm long, 0.7–1.1 cm wide, apically finely pubescent. *Lip* porrect, 3–4.7 cm long, 1.5–2.1 cm wide, grooved on back, with short acute auricles. *Staminode* rectangular, notched at apex, convex, on a short stalk, not covering the stigma, 8–9 mm long, 4–7 mm wide, glandular, hairy on sides. $2n = 26$. (PLATE 19 & FIG. 36).

Fig. 36. *Paphiopedilum adductum*, flowering in cultivation at Kew. (Photo.: P. Cribb)



***Paphiopedilum adductum*.** A, dorsal sepal, $\times 2/3$; B, synsepal $\times 2/3$; C, petal, $\times 2/3$; D, lip, longitudinal section, $\times 1$; E, column, side view, $\times 2$; F, staminode, $\times 3$; G, ovary, transverse section, $\times 4$. (All drawn from cult. Pottinger by Valerie Price.)