

Natural History Snippets

Brief reports by members based on their observations of nature

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***Acampe praemorsa* var.
*longepedunculata***

Synonym: *Acampe rigida*
Photographed in cultivation



Acampe praemorsa var. *longepedunculata* grows as a lithophyte—on rocks—or as an epiphyte, in shady forests. One other species in the same genus in Sri Lanka is an epiphyte, growing on trees. *A. praemorsa* flowers are similar to those of the variety *longepedunculata*, but the latter variety produces clusters of flowers on long, branching spikes; *A. praemorsa*, on the other hand, bears its flower clusters on short, unbranched, spikes. The flowers of *Acampe ochracea* are smaller, fewer, and distantly placed.



Acampe praemorsa

Common in the wet zone on large trees. Now seen less often as the large trees hosting these by roadsides have been felled.

Acampe ochracea

Uncommon, rare? Found many years ago on an SLNHS trip. Both photographed in cultivation.



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