

1. PHILYDRUM, Banks.

Perianth-segments many-nerved, the margins slightly involute in the bud. Stamen attached to the base of the anterior segment and not exceeding it; filament flattened, tapering upwards; anther terminal, transverse, the cells excessively twisted; staminodia hypogynous, but often slightly connate at the base with the anther-bearing filament. Ovary 1-celled, with 3 parietal placentæ projecting far into the cavity but not meeting in the centre, each with 2 divaricate broad lobes covered on the inner or under surface with very numerous ovules; style columnar, with a terminal broad 3-angled stigma. Capsule oblong, opening locu-

licidally in 3 valves. Seeds very numerous and small, narrow-oblong, brown with black tips, minutely tuberculate, with a short pale funicle. —Tall perennial, with flag-like leaves. Flowers sessile within sheathing bracts along the rhachis of a long terminal spike.

The genus is limited to the single Australian and East Asiatic species, the *P. glaberrimum* of the 'Botanical Magazine' being a species of *Helmholtzia*.

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Phylodrum lanuginosum