

Family Code: 579 Species code: <u>4</u> -16A

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#### Habenaria heyneana Lindl.

Botanical name: Habnenaria heyneana Lindl.

(=H. subpubens A. Rich., =H. glabra A.Rich., =H. candida Dalz., =H. cerea

Blatt. & McC., = H. cera var. Polyantha Blatt. & McC.. )

Vernacular name: - Family : Orchidaceae

#### Threatened category:

**Key characters**: Ground orchid; Stem leafy upwards, Flowers white, then yellow drying black; secund, lateral lobes of lip not broader than midlobe, linear oblong to linear filiform.

**Description:** Terrestial herb, 8-40 cm tall. Tubers 1, rarely 2, somewhat ovoid or oblong-ovoid. Leaves alternately imbricating or subdistichous to distichous, coriaceous, narrowly oblong-lanceolate to lanceolate 1-7 X 0.5-2cm. Inflorescence 2-14 cm long, lax (rarely dense) racemes., secund. Flowers bracteate, shortly pedicellate, greenish-white when young, turning yellowish with age, and black on drying or preservation in formalin solution. Bracts 12-22 X 4-8 mm, longer or shorter than the flowers, oblong to oblonglanceaolate, acute. Sepals unequal, greenish-whitish when young, turning yellowish with age, acute, rarely mucronute, dorsal sepal oblong or oblongelliptic 7-9 X 2-5 mm, lateral sepals, subfalcate, linear or narrowly oblong, acute 8-10 X2-4 mm. Lip 5-10 X4-6 mm. 3-lobed, deflexed; lateral lobes shorter than the middle one, falcate, narrowly-oblong, entire, acute; midlobe oblong or elliptic-oblong, slightly tapering to the acute or obtuse apex, longer than the side lobes. Spur about 6 mm long, narrowly linear, slightly bent about the middle or straight, widening out uniformly from a little before the middle, obtuse. Stigmatic processes clavate. Ovary 1-4 cm, stalk about 3 mm long. Capsule fusiform, curved.

Flowering and fruiting: August –November.

**Distribution**: India - Endemic to Western Ghats.

**Reported Localities**: Khandala, konkan, Karli, Purandhar, Bhimashankar, Panchgani, Mahabaleshwar.

**Ecology**: Occasionally seen growing on high altitudes grass land and plateaus. Altitude ranges between 900-1200m above sea level.

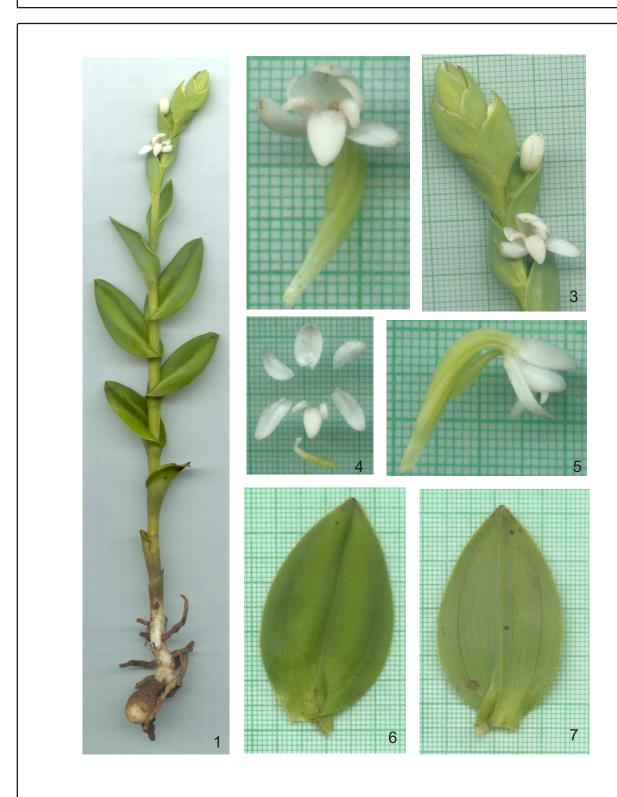
**Association**: No specific plant association is observed.

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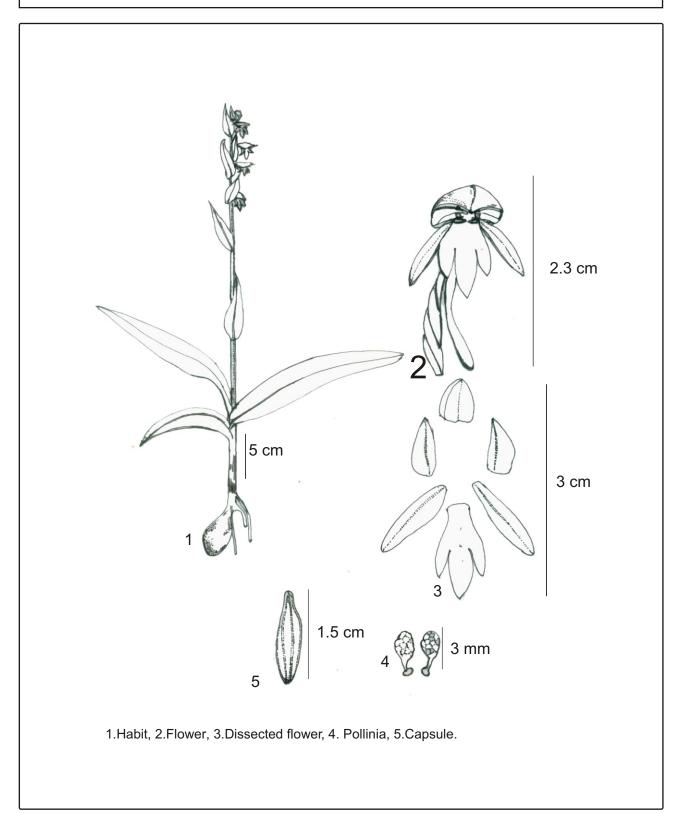




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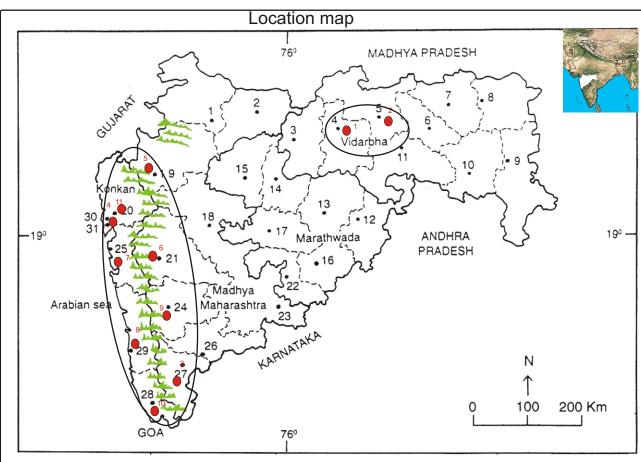




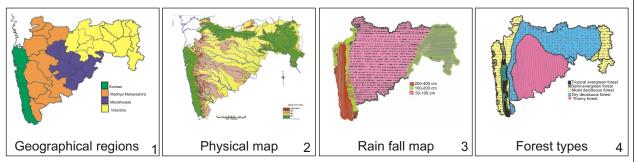
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Localities-

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- 8. Ratnagiri 9. Satara, 10. Sindhudurg, 11. Thane.

Geographical distribution in Maharashtra:

Latitude (DMS): Between 21 ° 53'- 17° 49' N & Longitude (DMS): 72 ° 58'-79°.05' E.



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