

Coccineorchis Schltr. in Beih. Bot. Centralbl. 37(2): 434, 1920.

Etymology: *Kokkinos* = scarlet and *orchis* = orchid, in reference to color of the flowers, especially of the type species.

Sepals free, similar, subparallel; lateral sepals with an obliquely inserted base on top of the ovary without forming an observable mentum. Petals agglutinate with dorsal sepal. Lip distinctly unguiculate, conduplicate with an arcuate apex, basally prominently auriculate; margins of lamina in middle agglutinate with sides of column. Column slender, elongate, pubescent in front, free from dorsal sepal, with a distinct, oblique base on top of the ovary; stigmata 2, anterior, approximate, touching one another in the middle; rostellum rigid, more or less cartilaginous, linear-lanceolate to subulate, sharply pointed. Anther ovate-lanceolate, acute, umbonate; pollinia clavate with a large, narrowly oblong viscidium. Ovary fusiform, sessile.

Terrestrial, large plants with fasciculate, fleshy, fusiform roots. Leaves basal, rosulate, distinctly petiolate. Scape erect, vaginate, terminated by a short, subcorymbose, cernuous, subdense spike. Flowers conspicuous, brightly colored.

TYPE: *Spiranthes corymbosa* Krzl.

Four species native to higher elevations of Central and South America.

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