

Goodyera sp. nova?

Eucosia carnea sensu Rechinger, non Bl.

SAMOAN NAME: none

ENGLISH NAME: none

STATUS: rare Samoa endemic?

REASON FOR LISTING: rarity of collections

SUGGESTED ACTION: Not much can be done for this orchid since it is known only from a single collection over a hundred years ago at 1200 m elevation in upland Savai'i. However, it should be looked for during any botanical surveys of the upland region of Savai'i. Recommended for the Red List of Samoan plants.

Endemic to Samoa, where it is restricted to Savai'i. It occurs in cloud forest, reported from 1200 m elevation, based on the only known collection of this species. No Samoan names or uses are reported.

No description is available. Cribb and Whistler (1996) noted that it has "peloric flowers with a petaloid, ecallose, lanceolate lip. In column structure it appears to be referable to *Goodyera*, close to *G. viridiflora* Blume, but it has more oblong-ovate leaves with short petioles and obtuse sterile bracts on the peduncle. From the single specimen available it is impossible to place it in any of the known Pacific Island species of the genus."

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SAVAII:

Rechinger 1588—Shady forest near Mauga Afi at 1200 m elevation.

