Liparis gibbosa Finet
Liparis disticha auct. non Lindl.
Liparis sp. of Christoph. (in part)

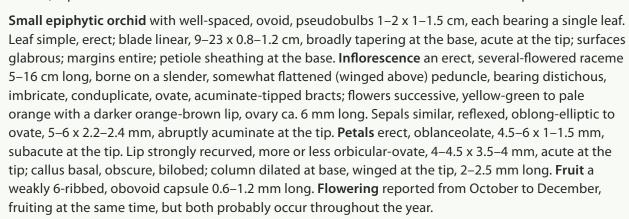
SAMOAN NAME: none
ENGLISH NAME: none
STATUS: rare indigenous

REASON FOR LISTING: rarity of collections

SUGGESTED ACTION: Not much can be done for this orchid, since epiphytic orchids are hard to locate because they are often high up in the forest canopy. Its infrequency of collection may be a result of this rather than actual rarity. It might turn up in an orchid survey of the upper part of the Matavanu lava flow, which might give an indication of its frequency (on the lava flow at least).

Indigenous to Samoa, ranging westward to Southeast Asia. It occurs in Samoa as an epiphyte in lava flow scrub on Savai'i, and in American Samoa in montane scrub on

Tutuila, reported from 500 to 620 m elevation. No Samoan names or uses have been reported.



**Distinguishable** by its small epiphytic orchid habit; spaced pseudobulbs each bearing a linear leaf 9–23 cm long; and a long-stalked raceme of small orange and green flowers clustered at the tip among small bracts.

## SAVAII:

Whistler 9365—Lava flow scrub on the rim of Matavanu Crater at 600 m elevation.

OTHER SAMOAN COLLECTIONS: Tutuila (6).

