**FORM:** Glabrous, deciduous, perennial forb, 20-60cm (8-24in) tall, from fleshy-fibrous roots with 1-3 rounded tubers.

**STEMS:** Single, leafy at base, bracteate above.

**LEAVES:** Basal cluster of 2-4 simple, entire, oblanceolate to lanceolate leaves, 8-15cm (3-6in) long, withering before or during flowering.

**FLOWERS:** Numerous, fragrant, white, greenish or yellowish green, spirally arranged in a narrow, rather densely flowered raceme, 10-40cm (4-12in) long, 3-merous with a short narrowly cylindric spur, 3-8mm long; late June-Aug.

**FRUIT:** Erect, ellipsoid capsule up to 10mm long.

**SIMILAR SPECIES:** Habenaria Conspectus, p.142

**HABITAT:** Dry woods to gravelly streambanks and open mountain sides.