

so numerous and common. Yet it is an attractive lily, and deserves to be restored to favour.

III. Section *Regalia* Baranova.

3. (1). *Lilium brownii* F. E. Brown ex Mieliez in *Cat. Expos. S. Hort. Lille* 1841; Spae in *Ann. S. Agr. Gand.* 1: 437, t. 41. 1845. — *L. australe* Stapf in *Gard. Chron. ser.* 3, 70: 101. 1921. — *L. brownii* var. *australe* (Stapf) Stearn in Woodc. et Stearn, *Lil. World* 165. 1950.

Bulb globose, 2–4.5cm in diameter; scales lanceolate, 1.8–4cm long by 0.8–1.4cm wide, unjointed, white. Stem 0.7–2m tall, sometimes streaked with purple, sometimes papillose. Leaves scattered, frequently decreasing in size gradually from bottom to top of the stem, lanceolate or narrowly lanceolate to linear, 7–15cm long, (0.6–) 1–2cm wide, tip acuminate, base angustate, 5–7-veined, entire, glabrous on both surfaces. Flowers solitary or several sub-umbelliformly disposed; pedicels 3–10cm long, slightly curved; bracts lanceolate, 3–9cm long, 0.6–1.8cm wide; perianth trumpet-shaped, fragrant, milk-white, suffused with purple on the exterior, unspotted; perianth segments turned outwards or recurved at the tips, but not revolute, 13–18cm long, those of the outer whorl 2–4.3cm wide, acute at the tip, those of the inner whorl 3.4–5cm wide, papillose on each side of the nectary; stamens curved upwards, filaments 10–13cm long, densely pilose from the middle down, or occasionally sparsely pilose or glabrous; anthers long-ellipsoid, 1.1–1.6cm long; ovary cylindric, 3.2–3.6cm long, 4mm broad, style 8.5–11cm long, stigma trilobed. Capsule oblong, 4.5–6cm long, c. 3.5cm broad, ribbed, many-seeded.

Flowering period: May–June. Fruiting period: September–October.

Occurs in Guangdong, Guangxi, Hunan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Anhui, Fujian, Zhejiang, Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Shaanxi, Gansu and Henan. It grows on mountain slopes, in thickets, by roadsides, by streams or in rock crevices, at an altitude of (100–) 600–2150 metres above sea level. The bulb has a high starch content and can be eaten, and is also used as medicine.