Uncinia brevicaulis, var. gracilior, Hemsl. (Plate XLVI.)

Uncinia brevicaulis, var. gracilior, Hemsl.

Uncinia gracilis, Thouars, Esquisse Fl. Trist., p. 35, t. 5 (excl. synon.); C. B. Clarke in Journ. Linn. Soc. Lond., xx. p. 400, partim.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. MacGillivray and Milne; Thouars.

This variety has only been collected in Tristan da Cunha, and presents no marked differences beyond greater slenderness.

GRAMINEÆ.1

Spartina arundinacea, Carmich. (Plate XXXV.)

Spartina arundinacea, Carmich. in Trans. Linn. Soc. Lond., xii. p. 504; Kunth, Enum., i. p. 279; Reichardt in Verhandl. k. k. zool.-bot. Gesellsch. Wien, xxi. p. 31.

Ponceletia arundinacea, Thouars, Esquisse Fl. Trist., p. 36.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Thouars; Carmichael; MacGillivray and Milne; Moseley. INACCESSIBLE AND NIGHTINGALE ISLANDS. Moseley.

Also in the islands of St Paul and Amsterdam.

This robust reed-like grass constitutes one of the main features of the vegetation of the islands, and grows in such dense thickets as to be almost impenetrable in places.

Agrostis ramulosa, Carmich. (Plate XXXVI.)

Agrostis ramulosa, Carmich. in Trans. Linn. Soc. Lond., xii. p. 504; Steud., Synop. Glum., i. p. 175. Agrostis carmichaeli, Schultes in Rœm. et Schult. Syst. Veg., ii. Mant., p. 571.

Sporobolus? carmichaeli, Kunth, Gram., i. p. 68, et Enum., i. p. 216.

Vilfa carmichaeli, Steud., Nomencl. Bot.

Tristan da Cunha.—Endemic. Carmichael; MacGillivray.

According to Carmichael, this grass and Agrostis media grow on the high part of the mountain, forming the chief part of its herbage. A few straggling tufts were met with on the low ground, along the bottom of the ravines, where the seeds had been washed down by the torrents. It is not in the more recent collections that we have seen.

Although the awn on the flowering glume is reduced to a mere rudiment, this is no justification for removing it from the genus Agrostis; moreover, it cannot be regarded as other than a congener of Agrostis media.

Agrostis media, Carmich. (Plate XXXVII.)

Agrostis media, Carmich. in Trans. Linn. Soc. Lond., xii. p. 504; Rœm. et Schult., Syst. Veg., ii. Mant., p. 571; Kunth, Enum., i. p. 226.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA.—Endemic. Carmichael; Milne; Moseley.

¹ Several introduced grasses have now become common; they are mentioned in the introductory notes preceding this enumeration.