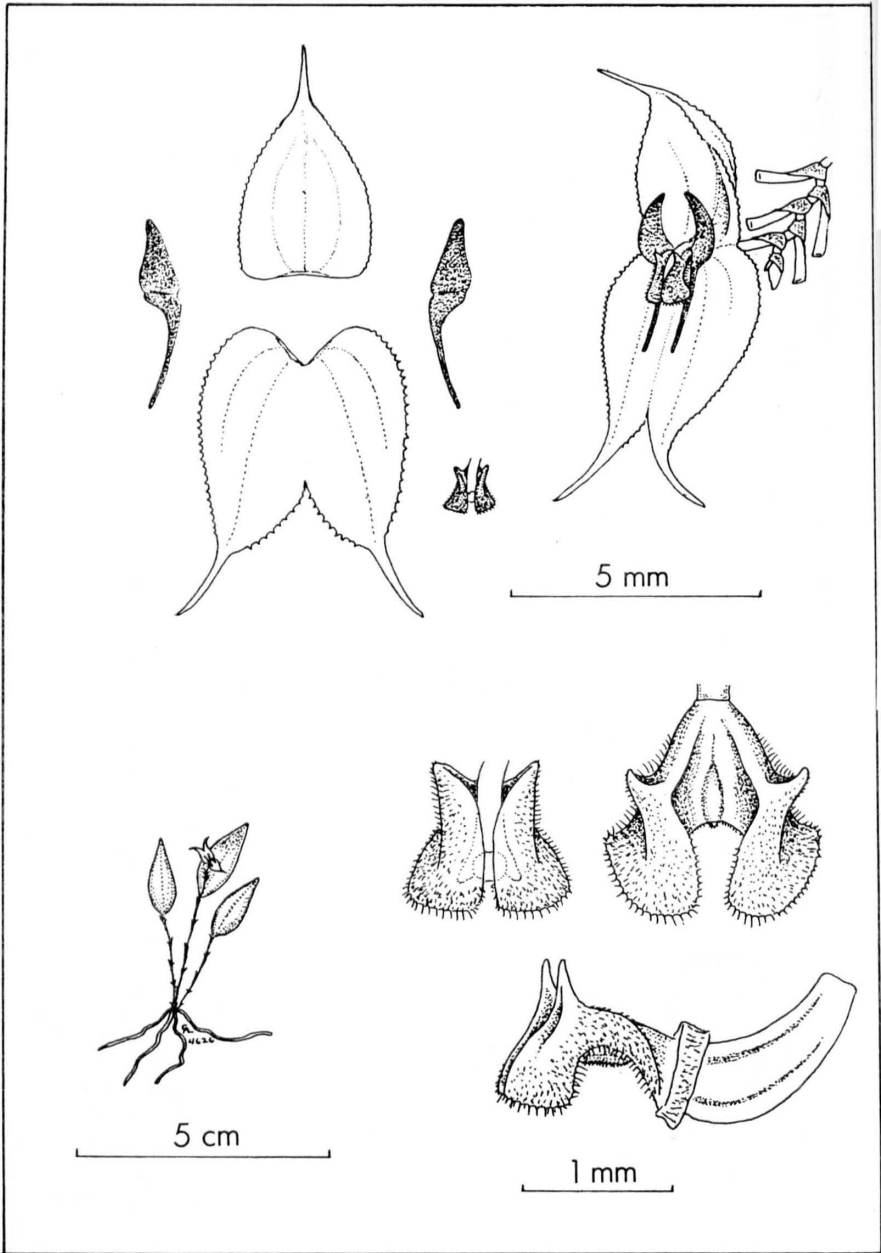


Lepanthes lycocephala Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

Planta perparva, racemo densifloro foliis ovatis acutis brevioribus, sepalis aristatis, petalis transverse bilobis lobo inferiore aristato, labello pubescenti laminis subquadratis lobis basalibus acutis erectis, appendice extus oblonga pubescenti.

Plant very small, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Secondary stems slender, erect, 10-22 mm long, enclosed by 4-6 lepanthiform sheaths with minutely ciliate ostia. Leaf erect, coriaceous, ovate, acute, 15-18 mm long, 5-6 mm wide, the base cuneate into a petiole 1-2 mm long. Inflorescence a dense, distichous, successively flowered raceme up to 4 mm long, borne behind the leaf by a filiform peduncle 3-4 mm long; floral bract 1 mm long; pedicel 1.25 mm long; ovary 1 mm long; sepals bright red, minutely denticulate, carinate-spiculate externally, ovate, acute, acuminate into aristate tails 1 mm long, the dorsal sepal 4.75 mm long, 2.5 mm wide, the lateral sepals connate 2.5 mm, 6 mm long, 4 mm wide together; petals dark red, microscopically pubescent, transversely bilobed, 0.75 mm long, 3.75 mm wide, the upper lobe triangular, narrowly obtuse, the lower lobe triangular, oblique, acute, with the apical segment setaceous, 1.5 mm long; lip dark red, pubescent, the blades subquadrate, 1 mm tall, 1.5 mm long, 1 mm wide together, with erect, acute lobes at the base (near the middle of the length of the lip), the apices truncate, the connectives and body cuneate, connate to the base of the column, the appendix oblong, pubescent, parallel along the external surface



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fo the body, the sinus obtuse; column 1 mm long, the anther dorsal, the stigma ventral.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Greek *lycocephalus*, "wolf-headed," referring to the fancied appearance of the lip.

ETIMOLOGIA: Del griego *lycocephalus*, "con cabeza de lobo", en referencia a la apariencia fantástica del labelo.

TYPE: *COLOMBIA*: NARIÑO: epiphytic in cloud forest above Ricaurte, alt. 1.600 m, 3 Nov. 1979, *C. Luer, J. Luer, K. Walter & A. Hirtz 4626* (Holotype: SEL).

DISTRIBUTION: Southern Colombia.

This small species with racemes shorter than the ovate leaves is most remarkable for the aristate sepals and inferior lobes of the petals, and the pubescent, zoomorphic lip complete with erect ears.

Esta pequeña especie de racimos más cortos que las ovadas hojas es muy notable por los sépalos aristados y los lóbulos inferiores de los pétalos, y por el labelo pubescente, completamente zoomorfo con orejas erectas.