

***Lepanthes allector* Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.**

Planta parva debilis caespitosa, racemo congesto paucifloro folio ovato acuminato brevior, sepalis glabris, petalis transverse oblongis pubescentibus, labelli laminis oblongis ciliatis, appendice loriformi cum glande bi-alata pubescenti.

Plant small, epiphytic, caespitose. roots slender. Secondary stems slender, suberect, 2.5-5 cm long, enclosed by 6-9 close, minutely scabrous lepanthiform sheaths. Leaf suberect, thinly coriaceous, ovate, acuminate, acute, 20-30 mm long, 8-12 mm wide, the rounded base contracted into a petiole 2 mm long. Inflorescence a densely few-flowered raceme ca. 2 mm long, borne by a filiform peduncle 5-9 mm long up the back side of the leaf; floral bract 1.3 mm long, pedicel 1.5 mm long; ovary 2.5 mm long; sepals yellow, suffused with purple basally, glabrous, the dorsal sepal ovate, obtuse, 3.1 mm long, 2.75 mm wide, the lateral sepals ovate, oblique, acute, 3 mm long, 2 mm wide, connate 1 mm; petals yellow-orange, suffused with red, transversely oblong, long-pubescent, 0.66 mm long, 2.66 mm wide, the apices rounded; lip white with red margin, the blades ovate, 1.3 mm long, the apices acute, incurved, ciliate, the bases rounded, the connectives broadly cuneate with an obtuse angle on the anterior margin, connate to the under surface of the column at the base, the appendix a 2-winged, pubescent gland carried by an S-curved, straplike band from the sinus; column 1 mm long, the anther dorsal, the stigma ventral.

**ETYMOLOGY:** From the Latin *allector*, "an enticer," in reference to the intricate appendix.

**TYPE:** *ECUADOR*: MORONA-SANTIAGO: epiphytic in cloud forest between Gualaceo and Limon, alt. 2050 m, 29 Oct. 1982, *C. Luer, R. Escobar & A. Pozo* 8229 (Holotype: SEL).

This little species with an inflorescence shorter than the ovate, acuminate leaf is most notable for the angled margins of the connectives of the lip between which the appendix protrudes. The appendix consists of a pubescent, bi-alate gland borne by an S-shaped strap.