

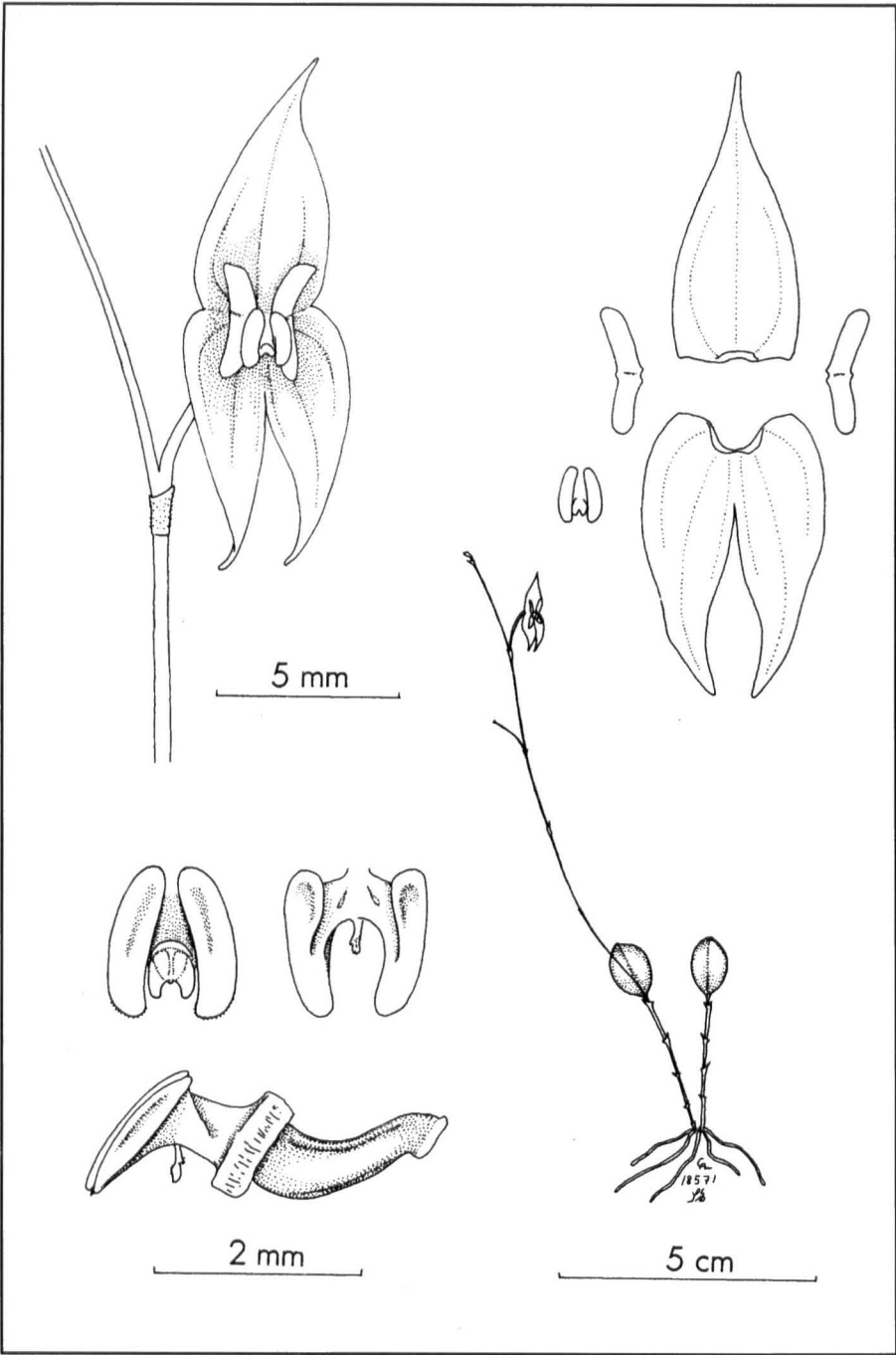


Lepanthes pabloi
Luer & Behar

LEPANTHES PABLOI Luer & Behar, sp. nov.

Planta parva racemo laxe longissimo, folio late elliptico, sepalis acutis lateralibus ad basim connatis, petalis transversis, lobis oblongis aequalibus, labelli laminis oblongis concavis, appendice anguste oblonga segmentata.

TYPE: GUATEMALA. Dept. of Alta Verapaz: near Cobán, collected by Pablo Mul, flowered in cultivation, Aug. 1977, by *M. Behar* 143 (Holotype: MO). C. Luer illustr. 18571.



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Plant small, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Ramicauls slender, erect, 2-2.5 cm long, enclosed by 4-5 minutely ciliate, lepanthiform sheaths. **Leaf** erect, coriaceous, broadly elliptical, obtuse to rounded at the apex, 11-13 mm long, 7-8 mm wide, the base rounded contracted into a petiole 1 mm long. **Inflorescence** a distantly and successively few-flowered raceme up to 10 cm long, borne far beyond the leaf by a slender peduncle 4-5.5 cm long; floral bracts tubular, 2 mm long; pedicel 8-9 mm long; ovary 1.75 mm long; **sepals** red, glabrous, subcarinate, the dorsal sepal ovate, acute, acuminate, 8 mm long, 3.5 mm wide, 3-veined, connate to the lateral sepals for 1 mm, the lateral sepals ovate, oblique, acute, 8 mm long, 2.5 mm wide, faintly 3-veined, connate 1.5 mm; **petals** red, glabrous, transversely bilobed, 0.75 mm long, 3.5 mm wide, the lobes oblong, rounded at the apices, about equal in size; **lip** red, bilaminar, the blades glabrous, oblong, slightly concave, rounded at both ends, 1.5 mm long, the connectives broad, short, from below the middle, the body broad, connate to the base of the column, the sinus rounded, the appendix narrowly oblong with a shorter, terminal segment; **column** stout, 1 mm long, the anther dorsal, the stigma ventral.

ETYMOLOGY: Named in honor of Pablo Mul of Cantel, Guatemala, who discovered this species.

ETIMOLOGÍA: Dedicada a Pablo Mul, de Cantel, Guatemala, descubridor de la especie.

This little species is characterized by the very long, distantly few-flowered raceme that far surpasses the little, broadly elliptical leaves. The flowers are large and red with acute sepals; the petals are transverse with equal, oblong lobes; the blades of the lip are oblong with broad connectives below the middle; and the appendix is narrowly oblong with a terminal, shorter segment.

Esta pequeña especie se caracteriza por el racimo, muy alargado y de pocas flores distantes, que sobresale ampliamente de las hojas, pequeñas y anchamente elípticas. Las flores son grandes y rojas, con sépalos agudos; los pétalos son transversos, con lóbulos oblongos e iguales; las láminas del labelo son oblongas, con las conectivas situadas debajo del centro; el apéndice es angostamente oblongo, con un segmento terminal más corto.

PLEUROTHALLIS BRIGHAMELLA Luer, sp. nov.

Species haec P. brigmarii S. Watson persimilis, sed habitu multiminoribus, floribus rubromaculatis minoribus et columnae pede ecalloso differt.