

Anacheilium mejia

FIGURE 1-30, PLATE 36

Anacheilium mejia Withner & Harding, *sp. nov.*

Pseudobulbi 25×1.5 cm plus minusve compressi in rhizomate ad intervalla 8 cm separati. *Folia* tres, 28×2.5 cm. *Inflorescentia* ex vagina emergens. *Pedicellus ovariumque* 25 mm. *Flores* luteovirides, *sepals* petalisque lanceolatis 11×3 mm, *labio* convexo 7×7 mm luteo purpureo-guttato, callo bicarinato in medio sulcato apice purpureo, *columna* 5 mm longa unguiculata ad *labium* e basi plus minusve 2 mm connata. *Species affinis* *Anacheilium sceptro*. Type: Colombia, Hort. Mejia de Moreno (holotype: US)

DERIVATION OF NAME

Honors Esperanza Mejia de Moreno of Colombia, who exhibited the huge, well-grown plant that drew our attention.

DESCRIPTION

Pseudobulbs spindle-shaped, slightly compressed. Leaves three. Inflorescence emerges from mature growths with a spathe. Flowers many (to twenty), yellow to yellow-green. Petals rolled in at sides. Lip yellow with dark maroon venation, which extends from end of callus to near apex, leaving margins of lip free of maroon coloration. Lip three-lobed, though lateral lobes are small. Callus with two lobes and a central sulcus.

HABITAT AND DISTRIBUTION

Colombia.

FLOWERING TIME

August and September.

MEASUREMENTS

Pseudobulbs 25 cm long, 1.5 cm wide

Leaves 28 cm long, 2.5 cm wide

Inflorescence 15–30 cm long

Spathe 2.5 cm long

Sepals 11–12 mm long, 2–3 mm wide

Petals 11 mm long, 3 mm wide

Lip 7 mm long, 7 mm wide

Column 5 mm long, 1.5 mm wide

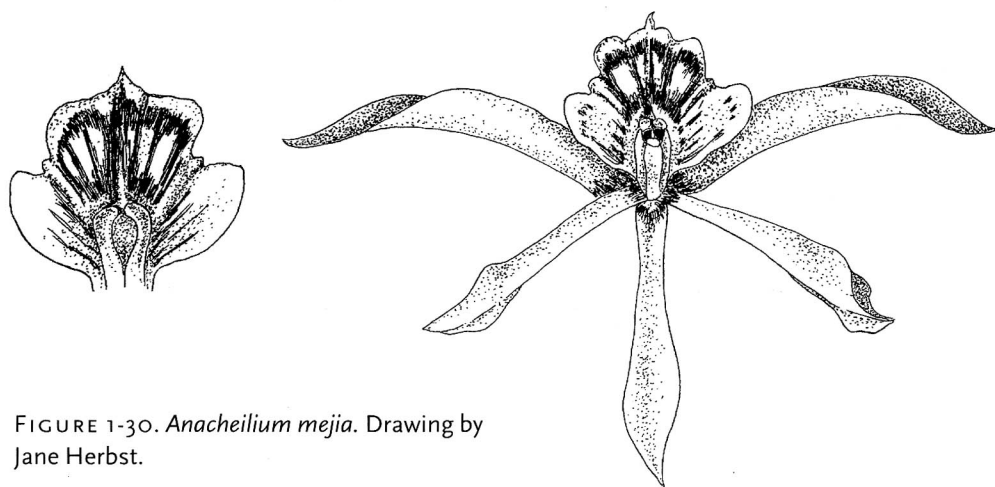


FIGURE 1-30. *Anacheilium mejia*. Drawing by Jane Herbst.