

Anacheilium vita

FIGURE 1-41, PLATE 51

Anacheilium vita Hunt, 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. *Pedi-*

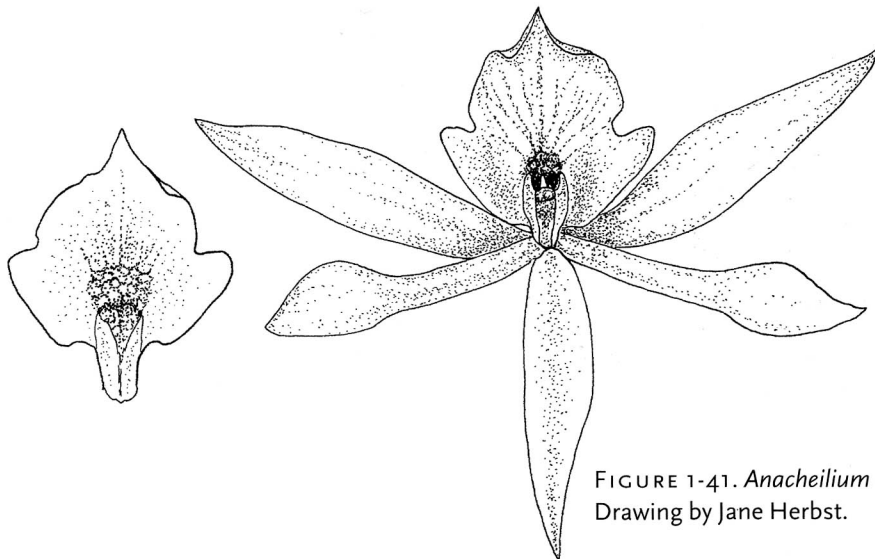


FIGURE 1-41. *Anacheilium vita*.
Drawing by Jane Herbst.

cellus ovariumque 15 mm. Flores luteovirides, sepals petalisque lanceolatis 10–11 × 2–3 mm, labio convexo 7 × 5 mm luteo purpureo-guttato, callo bicarinato in medio sulcato apice purpureo, columna 5 mm longa unguiculata ad labium e basi plus minusve 1 mm connata. Species affines Anacheilium sceptro. Type: Ecuador, precise local unknown, *Hort. Ecuagenera s.n.* (holotype: US).

DERIVATION OF NAME

Latin *vita*, “life,” in honor of Carl Withner and his generation of taxonomists.

DESCRIPTION

Pseudobulbs spindle-shaped, slightly compressed. Leaves two, linear-lanceolate. Inflorescence emerges from mature growths with a spathe. Flowers many (thirty-five to forty) green to yellow-green. Petals held fairly flat, not twisted or incurving. Lip white with dark maroon coloration extending from end of callus to near apex, leaving margins of lip free of maroon coloration. Lip three-lobed, though lateral lobes are small. Callus white, with two lobes and a central sulcus.

HABITAT AND DISTRIBUTION

Ecuador.

FLOWERING TIME

October.

MEASUREMENTS

Pseudobulbs 12–16 cm long, 1.6 cm wide

Leaves 21.5 cm long, 1.9 cm wide

Inflorescence 30–35 cm long

Sepals 11 mm long, 3 mm wide

Petals 10 mm long, 2 mm wide

Lip 7 mm long, 5 mm wide

Column 5 mm long, 2 mm wide