

Pleurothallis breviscapa *C. Schweinfurth sp. nov.*

Herba parva, caespitosa. Radices fibrosae, crassae. Caules perbreves, unifoliati. Folium anguste ellipticum vel obovato-oblongum, valde coriaceum. Scapi tenues, quam folium multo breviores, uni- vel biflori. Sepala lateralia libera, anguste lanceolata, falcata. Sepalum dorsale lanceolato-oblongum vel elliptico-lanceolatum. Petala multo breviora, minute ciliolata. Labellum oblanceolatum, acutum, prope basim lobulis dentiformibus praeditum.

Plant small, caespitose, epiphytic, about 3–4 cm. high. Roots fibrous, glabrous, numerous. Stems very short, monophyllous, about 4.5–9 mm. long, concealed by two tubular imbricating evanescent sheaths, more or less decumbent at base, erect or spreading. Leaf narrowly obovate-oblong or narrowly elliptic, acute or subacute, gradually narrowed to a scarcely petioled base, about 2.5–3.3 cm. long, 6–7 mm. wide, very coriaceous, erect, the mid-nerve sulcate above and prominent beneath. Inflorescences one to four, about half as long as the leaf, 1- or 2-flowered. Peduncle up to the lowest flower filiform, about 2 cm. long, apparently finely pubescent. Flowers large for the plant. Lateral sepals free, narrowly lanceolate, falcate, about 6.2 mm. long and 1.2 mm. wide, acute or acuminate, 3-nerved. Dorsal sepal narrowly lanceolate-oblong to elliptic-lanceolate, about 6.3 mm. long and 1 mm. wide, acute, 3-nerved. Petals half as long as the sepals, oblong or elliptic-lanceolate, shortly acuminate, about 3.1 mm. long and 1 mm. wide, 1-nerved, finely cellular-ciliate except near the base. Lip oblanceolate, acute, about 5 mm. long including the small linear claw, 1.2 mm. wide, with two oblong auricles at base parallel

to the claw and with a pair of small spreading triangular-dentiform lobules near the base, finely cellular-ciliate on the margin, 3-nerved with the lateral nerves extending only to the middle. Column short, provided with a membranaceous wing which is dilated at base, rather abruptly dilated above the middle and tridentate at the apex, about 2 mm. long on the dorsal surface.

Pleurothallis breviscapa is apparently allied to *P. funerea* Cogn., but differs in the smaller leaf, pubescent peduncles, 1- or 2-flowered inflorescence, ciliolate petals and the presence of basal auricles on the lip. A drawing of this number shows thick leaves and wine-red flowers.

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