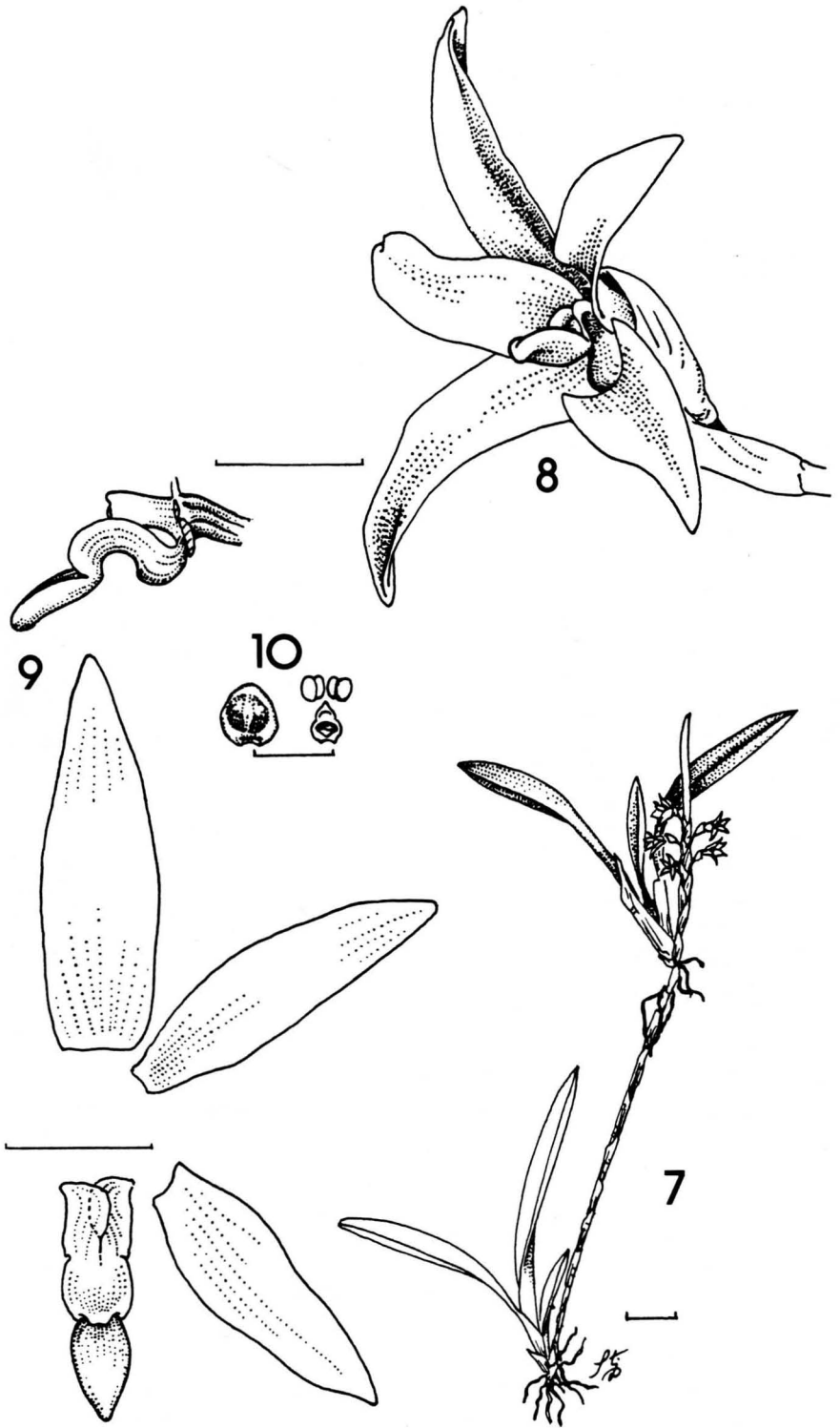


Maxillaria schlechteriana J. T. Atwood, *nom. nov.* Basionym: *Camaridium imbricatum* Schltr., Beih. Bot. Centralbl. 36:415-416. 1918. TYPE: COSTA RICA, La Palma, Wercklé (Isotype: AMES, a drawing, photo seen). *Ornithidium schlechterianum* C. Schweinf., *nom. illeg.*, Bot. Mus. Leafl. 4:94. 1937. *Maxillaria wrightii* (Schltr.) Ames & Correll var. *imbricata* (Schltr.) Ames & Correll, Bot. Mus. Leafl. 11:18. 1943. Fig. 3.

Schweinfurth provided the superfluous new name, *Ornithidium schlechterianum*, based on *Camaridium imbricatum* Schltr. (not Hoehne) in order to avoid conflict with *Ornithidium imbricatum* Wall., a name which was apparently never validly published. Unfortunately the name, *Maxillaria imbricata* Barb.Rodr. (Gen. & Sp. Orch. Noy. 1:120. 1877), precludes the transfer of *Camaridium imbricatum* Schltr. to *Maxillaria*, so the most harmonious resolution is to use Schweinfurth's invalid epithet as a new name in *Maxillaria*.

Maxillaria schlechteriana is most similar to *M. wrightii* (Schltr.) Ames & Correll with which it is sympatric, and vegetatively the two species appear identical. However, they can be easily distinguished by flower color and size: flowers of *M. schlechteriana* are light lavender with darker lip while those of *M. wrightii* are darker, reddish-purple and distinctly larger.



Figs. 7-10. *Maxillaria schlechteriana*. 7. Plant habit based on *Morris 4024* (SEL). Scale = 2 cm. 8. Flower in natural position. Scale = 5 mm. 9. Floral analysis. Scale = 5 mm. 10. Operculum and pollinarium. Scale = 2.5 mm. All figures: Stig Dalström.