

referring to the column exposed by the lobes of the lip.

TYPE: PANAMA: Prov. of Chiriquí: Cerro Punta, collected by A. Maduro 23-M, *C. Luer 11634* (Holotype: MO).

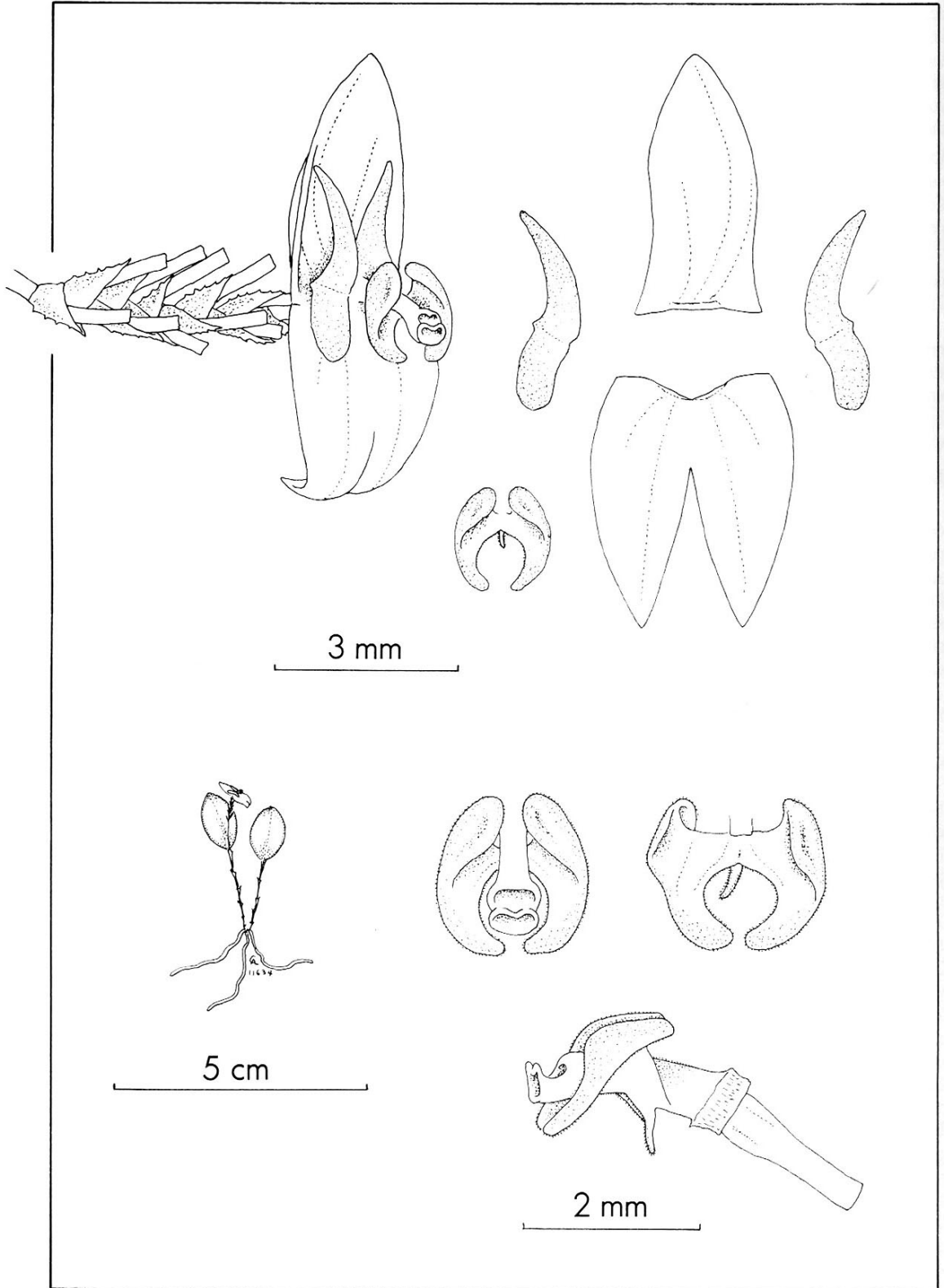
This little species is readily distinguished by the concave dorsal sepal; falcate upper lobes of the petals; oblong lower lobes of the petals; a column exposed by a bilobed lip with poorly defined blades; and an elongated, deflexed appendix.

***Lepanthes exposita* Luer, sp. nov.**

Planta parva caespitosa, inflorescentia racemosa congestissima disticha folio elliptico brevior, sepalis ovatis acutis, petalis transverse bilobatis, lobo superiore falcato acuto recurvo, lobo inferiore oblongo obtuso, labello bilobo laminis indistinctis basalibus columnam exponentibus, lobis lunatis obtusis, corpore angusto cum appendice elongata deflexa.

Plant small, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Ramicauls slender, erect, 1.5 cm long, enclosed by 3 or 4 minutely ciliate, lepanthiform sheaths. Leaf erect, coriaceous, elliptical, subacute, 11 mm long, 7.5 mm wide, the base cuneate into a petiole 0.5 mm long. Inflorescence a very congested, distichous, successively many-flowered raceme up to 5 mm long, borne on top of the leaf by a filiform peduncle 4-5 mm long; floral bracts imbricating, 1 mm long, muriculate; pedicels 1.5 mm long; ovary 1.5 mm long; sepals red, ovate, carinate, acute, the dorsal sepal oblong-ovate, concave, 4.5 mm long, 2.5 mm wide expanded, connate to the lateral sepals for 1 mm, the lateral sepals oblique, 4 mm long, 1.6 mm wide, connate 1 mm; petals red, microscopically pubescent, transversely bilobed, 0.8 mm long, 3.4 mm wide, the upper lobe narrowly falcate, acute, recurved, the lower lobe oblong with the apex rounded; lip red, microscopically pubescent, bilobed to sub-bilaminar, the blades poorly defined below the middle of the lobes, spreading to expose the column, the lobes ovate-lunate, with the ends rounded, 1.8 mm long, the connectives cuneate, connate to the base of the column, the sinus obtuse with a deflexed, narrowly oblong appendix; column 2 mm long, the anther dorsal and the stigma apical.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin *expositus*, "exposed,"

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