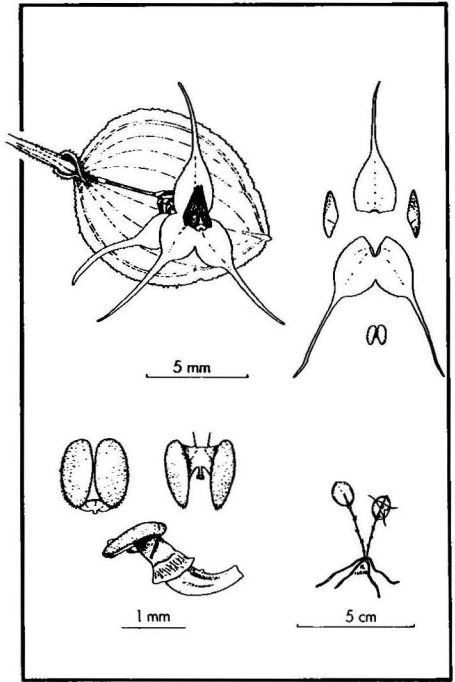
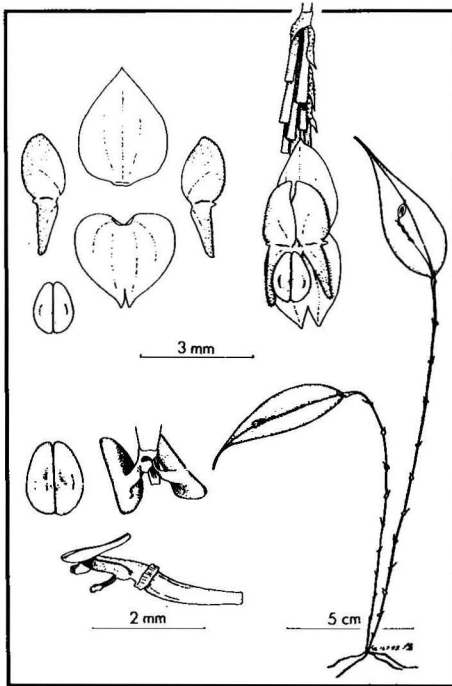


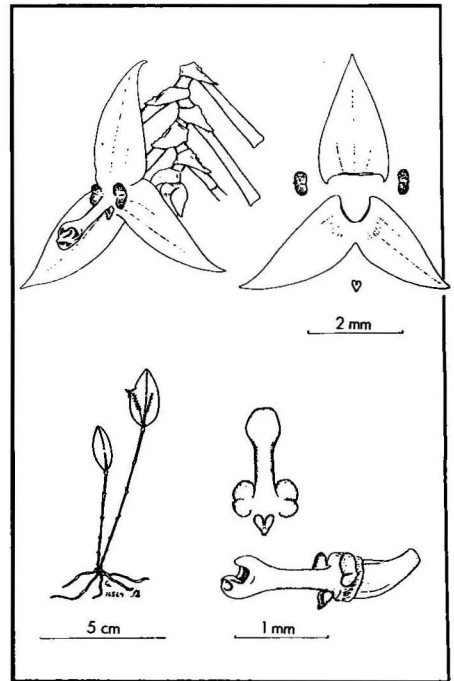
No. 93 - *LEPANTHES GUANACASENSIS*
Luer & Escobar



No. 94 - *LEPANTHES LIMBATA*
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No. 95 - *LEPANTHES MELEAGRIS*
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No. 96 - *LEPANTHES MICELLILABIA*
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No. 94 - ***LEPANTHES LIMBATA*** Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

Planta parvula caespitosa, inflorescentia racemosa congesta folio ovato obtuso marginato brevior, sepalis ovatis acutis longicaudatis, petalis transverse lobatis pubescentibus, lobis triangularibus acutis, lobo superiore majore, labelli laminae pubescentibus ellipticis, appendice oblonga truncata.

Plant very small, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Ramicauls slender, erect, 8-23 mm long, enclosed by 3-5 microscopically ciliate, lepanthiform sheaths. Leaf erect, with broad, crenulate-erose borders, coriaceous, ovate, subacute to obtuse, 7-10 mm long, 4-8 mm wide, the base rounded or broadly cuneate, contracted into a petiole 0.5 mm long. Inflorescence a congested, distichous, successively fewflowered raceme, up to 2 mm long, borne behind the leaf by a filiform peduncle 3-6 mm long; floral bracts 0.5 mm long; pedicels 0.75 mm long; ovary 1 mm long; sepals light yellow, microscopically denticulate, carinate, long-caudate, the dorsal sepal ovate, subacute, the blade 3 mm long, 2.25 mm wide, 3-veined, connate to the lateral sepals for 0.5 mm, the apex contracted into a filiform tail 3.5 mm long, the lateral sepals ovate, oblique, subacute, the blades 3 mm long, 2 mm wide, barely 2-veined, connate 1 mm, with the apices diverging, contracted into filiform tails 4 mm long; petals purple, pubescent, transversely bilobed, 0.75 mm long, 2.25 mm wide, 1-veined, the lobes diverging, triangular, acute, with the upper lobe larger than the lower lobe; lip purple, bilaminate, the

blades pubescent, elliptical oblong with the ends rounded, 1 mm long, the connectives short, broadly cuneate, the body broad, connate to the base of the column, the sinus obtuse with the appendix oblong, truncate, in contact with the stigma; column 1 mm long, with the anther dorsal and the stigma ventral.

TYPE: Colombia: Dept. of Choco: above San Jose del Palmar, Alto de Los Galápagos, epiphytic in cloud forest, alt. 2050 m, 13 May 1993, *C. Luer, J. Luer, R. Escobar, A. de Wilde & J. Gómez 16807* (Holotype: MO).

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin *limbatus*, "bordered," referring to the margin of the leaf.

ETIMOLOGIA: Del latín *limbatus*, "orlado", en alusión a las márgenes de la hoja.

This rare species occurs as a twig-epiphyte in a wet, windy pass between the departments of Choco and Valle del Cauca. It is distinguished by the very small habit, and ovate leaves with well-defined, broad, crenulate-erose margins. The proportionately large, pale yellow, long-tailed flower with purple petals and lip is borne near the center of the back side of the leaf.

Esta rara especie ocurre como "epífita de ramita", expuesta al viento, en un húmedo desfiladero entre los departamentos de Chocó y Valle del Cauca. Se distingue por el hábito muy pequeño y hojas ovadas con márgenes crenulado-erosas bien definidas. La flor, de largas caudas, es proporcionalmente grande, de color amarillo pálido con pétalos y labelo morados y se presenta casi en el centro del reverso de la hoja.