

***Lepanthes usitata* Luer & Vásquez, sp. nov.**

Planta parva, racemo densifloro foliis ovatis brevioribus, sepalis ovatis acutis lateralibus pubescentibus, petalis inaequaliter bilobis, lobo superiore majore, labelli laminis ovatis, appendice minima ligulata.

Plant small, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Secondary stems slender, erect, 25-35 mm long, enclosed by 4-5 shortly ciliate-scabrous lepanthiform sheaths. Leaf erect, coriaceous, ovate, subacute, 15-17 mm long, 8 mm wide, the rounded base contracted into a petiole 1.5 mm long. Inflorescence a dense, distichous, successively flowered raceme up to 5 mm long, borne behind the leaf by a filiform peduncle 3-4 mm long; floral bract 1 mm long; pedicel 0.75 mm long; ovary 1 mm long; flowers small, dull purple; dorsal sepal glabrous, broadly ovate-triangular, concave, acute, acuminate, 4.25 mm long, 2.75 mm wide, connate to the lateral sepals for 1 mm; lateral sepals minutely pubescent within, ovate, acute, acuminate, connate 1 mm, 4.25 mm long, 3 mm wide together, each 1-veined; petals minutely pubescent, transversely bilobed, 0.75 mm long, 2 mm wide, the upper lobe broadly oblong, rounded, the lower lobe narrowly oblong, obtuse; lip purple, the blades minutely pubescent, ovate, 1.25 mm long, the apices narrowly obtuse, the bases rounded, the connectives oblong, connate to the column above the middle, the sinus cleft with a small, ligulate, decurved, glabrous appendix; column 1.25 mm long, the anther dorsal, the stigma ventral.

Etymology: From the Latin *usitatus*, "usual, familiar," referring to the lack of any unusual floral or vegetative character.

Type: *BOLIVIA*: SANTA CRUZ: epiphytic in cloud forest near Siberia, alt. 2500 m, 1 Dec. 1978, C. Luer, F. Fuchs et al. 3595 (Holotype: SEL).

This little species possesses no single, distinctive feature, but it is the combination of all the seemingly usual, non-outstanding, morphological characters that distinguish *L. usitata*: small habit, ovate leaves, short inflorescence, ovate sepals, the dorsal concave, the laterals minutely pubescent, inequally bilobed petals, and the "standard" lip with a minute, glabrous appendix.