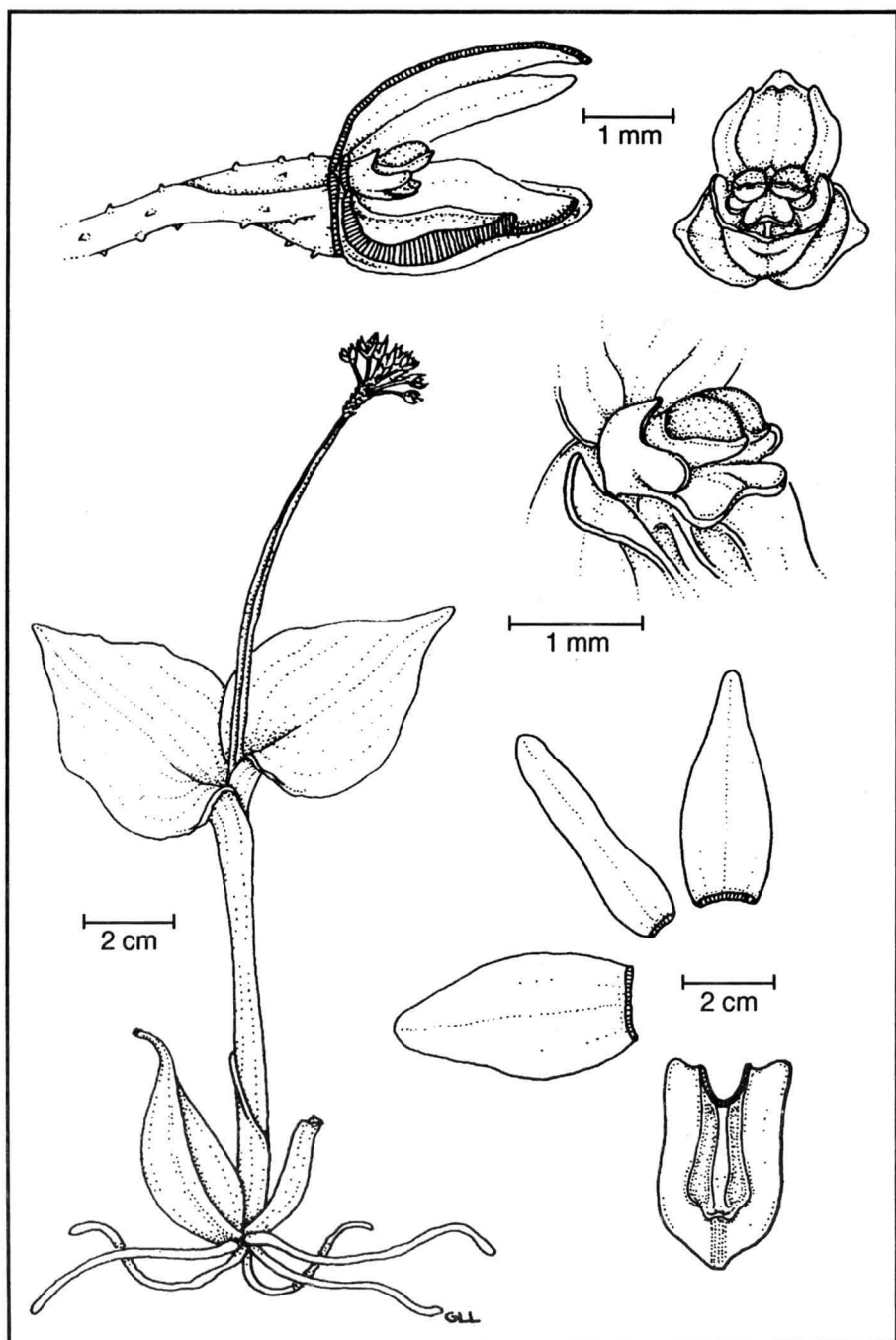




MALAXIS CUMBENSIS Dodson.

1. **MALAXIS CUMBENSIS** Dodson, sp. nov.

Similis *Malaxidis brachyrrhynchi* (Rchb. f.) Ames, a qua differt floribus subcampanulatis sepalis et petalis conniventibus, labello subrectangulari praedito callo elongato lamellato, et pedunculo inflorescentiae triangulari.

Orig. coll.: Ecuador: Azuay: Cuenca to Loja, 10 km S of Cumbe, 3000 m, 26 January 1985, *Harling & Andersson 21174* (QCA holotype, AMES, GB).

ETIMOLOGIA: Nombrada por la región en la cual se recolectó el ejemplar tipo.

ETYMOLOGY: Named for the region from which the type was collected.

Plant with a bulbous-thickened base, up to about 30 cm tall including the inflorescence. Lower part of the stem (below the leaves) concealed by several loose, tubular, imbricating sheaths of which the uppermost ones are much the longest and leaf-bearing. Leaves 2, commonly near the middle of the stem or below, sub-opposite; lamina broadly ovate to 7 x 5 cm, obtuse at the apex, subcordiform to retuse at the base, spreading, subsessile but with long petioles that sheath the stem. Inflorescence surpassing the leaves, up to 20 cm long; peduncle triangular-winged in cross section, with the raceme abbreviated, subumbellate and densely many-flowered, the rachis up to 2 cm long in course of development. Flowers small, green or greenish brown, lip yellowish, on long spreading pedicels. Ovary with scattered wart-like extrusions. Dorsal sepal narrowly ovate, bluntly acute-acuminate, to 3 x 1.2 mm; lateral sepals a little broader than the dorsal sepal, ovate, obtuse, to 3 x 1.6 mm; petals narrowly ovate-linear, erect and connivent with the dorsal sepal, about as long as the sepals; lip rectangular-ovate, obtuse at the apex, blunt-sagittate at the base, more or less concave near the base, to 3 x 1.6 mm; blade with an elongate, flattened lamina forming a fleshy callus, retuse at the apex; column minute, sessile.

NOTAS: Esta especie se parece a *Malaxis brachyrrhynchos* (Rchb.f.) Ames de México y América Central, pero difiere en las flores subcampanuladas con sépalos y pétalos conniventes, el labelo subrectangular con un callo lamelado, extendido, y el pedúnculo triangular de la inflorescencia.

NOTES: This species resembles *Malaxis brachyrrhynchos* (Rchb.f.) Ames of Mexico and Central America but differs in the sub-campanulate flowers with connivent sepals and petals, the sub-rectangular lip with an elongate, lamellate callus, and the triangular penduncle of the inflorescence.