

34. *Masdevallia Mejiana* Garay, *sp. nov.*

Epiphytica, caespitosa, usque ad 12 cm. alta; radicibus filiformibus, flexuosis, glabris; caulibus secundariis vix ullis, unifoliatis; foliis carnosu-coriaceis, oblongo-oblanccolatis, obtusis, usque ad 12 cm. longis, 1.5 cm. latis; inflorscentia erecta vel ascendente, uniflora, usque ad 10 cm. longa; bractea quam pedicello breviora, usque ad 7 mm. longa; floribus albidis, roseo punctulatis; sepalis inter se in tubum campanulatum connatis, deinde apertis, nox in caudam reflexan, 3.5 cm. longam, aurantiacam transeuntibus, caudis inclusis usque ad 5-5.5 cm. longis; petalis carnosis, lineari-oblongis, 3-denticulatis, extus per totam longitudinem crasse carinatis, usque ad 7 mm. longis, 1.75 mm. latis; labello carnosu, brevissime unguiculato, e rotundata basis quadrato-oblongo, antice incrassato, truncato, disco glabro, supra basin leviter incrassato, usque ad 6 mm. longo, 3 mm. lato; columna alata, basi in pedem brevem producta; ovario cylindrico, pedicello aequilongo.

COLOMBIA: Depto. de Antioquia, without precise locality. Collected and cultivated by Don Alvaro Mejía s.n.! Type. (AMES). Type material was received from Don Gilberto Escobar under no. 426!

Me es placentero dedicar esta nueva especie a mi buen amigo Don Alvaro Mejía cuyos jardines de orquídeas son los más ricos en especies nativas de Colombia.

It gives me great pleasure to dedicate this new species to my good friend Don Alvaro Mejía whose orchid gardens in Medellín are the richest in native Colombian species.

