

Pelexia Hameri Garay, *sp. nov.*

Terrestris, gracilis, usque ad 30 cm. alta; radicibus fasciculatis, tuberosis, villosis; foliis basilaribus, ut videtur 2, sub anthesin jam emarcidis, ovatis, obtusis vel subacutis, distincte breviter petiolatis, petiolis inclusis usque ad 5 cm. longis, 1.8 cm. latis; scapo gracili, plurivaginato, puberulo, supra laxe multifloro, spicato; bracteis ovato-lanceolatis, acuminatis, usque ad 9 mm. longis; floribus viridi-albidis, extus sparse pubescentibus; sepalo postico anguste ovato-lanceolato vel ovato-elliptico, obtuso, usque ad 3.8 mm. longo, 1 mm. lato; sepalis lateralibus oblongo-ligulatis, obtusis, usque ad 4 mm. longis, 1.2 mm. latis, basin oblique saccatis, sacco 2 mm. longo; petalis sepalo postico conniventibus, e cuneata basi oblique lineari-dolabri formibus, obtusis, usque ad 4 mm. longis, 1 mm. latis, labello unguiculato, basi lineari-falcato sagittato, lamina conduplicata, lineari-oblonga, apice abrupte in lobum reniformem expansa, margine repanda; disco basin lobi terminali papilloso-incrassato; toto labello 5.5 mm. longo, 3 mm. lato; columna infundibuliformi, 2 mm. longa, basi in pedem decurrentem, 2 mm. longam producta; ovario arcuato-fusiformi, puberulo, sessili, usque ad 6 mm. longo.

El Salvador: in the gardens of Doña Hertha Freund in San Benito, San Salvador, HAMER 613! type! (AMES).

The plants are reminiscent of weak specimens of *P. Schaffneri* (Rchb.f.) Schltr., but the flowers are very different. This smallest-flowered *Pelexia* is dedicated to Mr. Fritz Hamer, whose lavishly illustrated, two-volume work on the Orchids of El Salvador is one of the most outstanding contributions to our knowledge of the orchids of Central America.