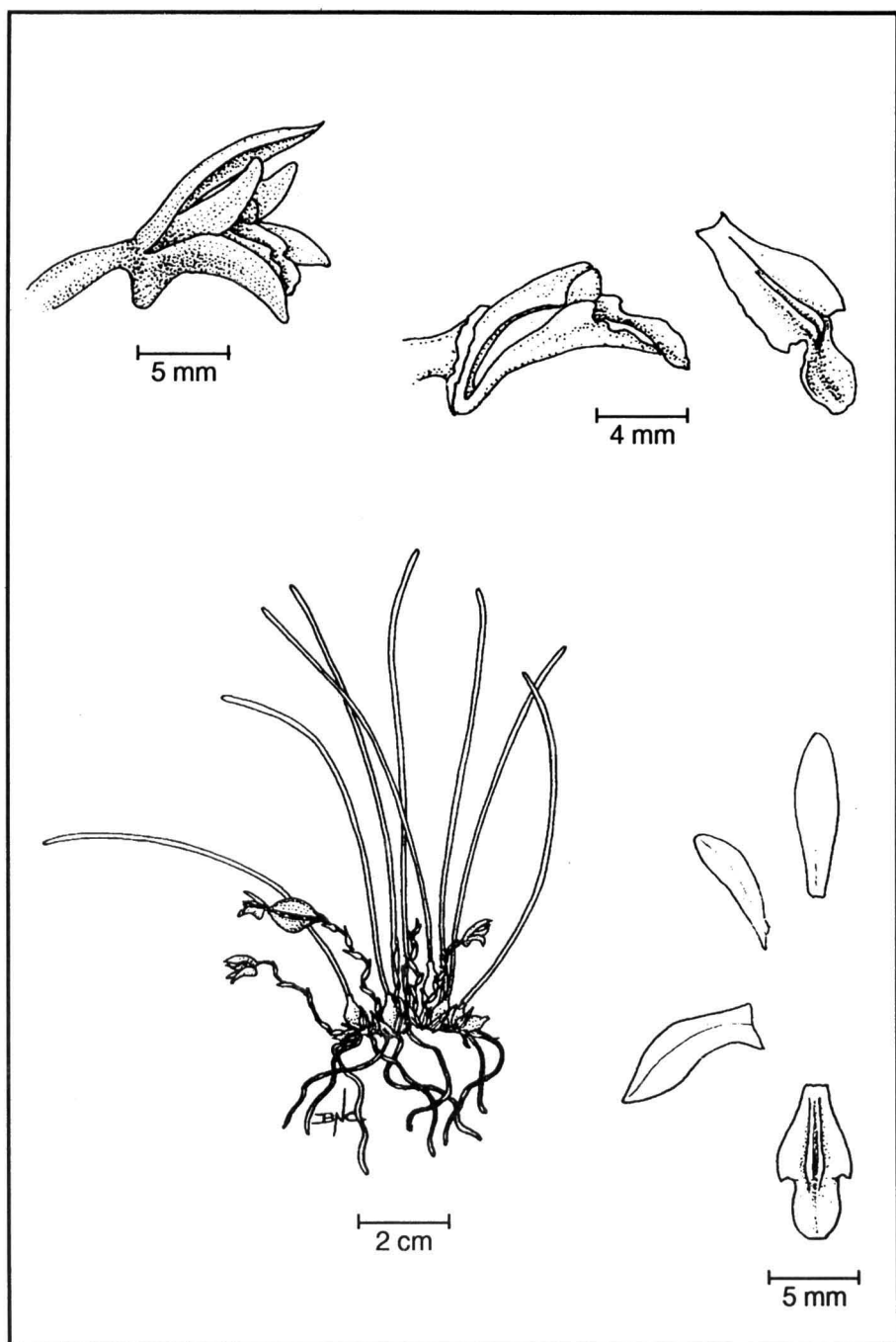


6. **MAXILLARIA CHICANA** Dodson, sp. nov.

Distinguitur pseudobulbis approximatis unifoliatis, foliis elongatis teretibus, sine vaginis foliaribus circum pseudobulbos, cum floribus parvis, segmentis floralibus obtusis.



MAXILLARIA CHICANA Dodson.

Orig. coll.: Ecuador: Zamora-Chinchipe: Río Chicana, 1900 m, 11 February 1993, Dalström 1900 (SEL holotype, RPSC Xerox copy).

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

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

Plant small. Pseudobulbs approximate, pyriform, 1-leafed at the apex, surrounded at the base by scarious, nonleaf-bearing sheaths, to 1 cm long. Leaf linear, terete, arcuate, sulcate, obtuse, to 12 x 0.2 cm. Scapes from the axils of the sheaths, 1-5 per pseudobulb, short, to 3.5 cm long, loosely clothed with scarious sheaths, 1-flowered; ovary equal to the floral bract, terete, to 7 mm long. Flower pale reddish, the lip dark red-purple in the center of the lamina. dorsal sepal elliptic, obtuse at the apex, cuneate to the base, concave, to 1.2 x 0.3 cm; lateral sepals obliquely narrowly obovate, falcate, erect alongside the lip, to 1.2 x 0.4 cm; petals obliquely narrowly obovate, obtuse, spreading toward the apex, to 1 x 0.2 cm; lip erect, parallel to the column, elliptic in outline, to 1.1 x 0.5 cm, 3-lobed, the lateral lobes erect, obovate, more than half as long as the lip, truncate at the apex, the mid lobe elliptical, rounded at the apex, the callus formed of a pair of thickened, parallel lamellae running most of the length of the disc of the lip and onto the isthmus of the midlobe; column terete, arcuate, sulcate on the underside, to 6 mm long.

NOTAS: Esta especie no tiene parientes cercanos en la Región Andina. Se distingue por los pseudobulbos unifoliados, aproximados, con hojas alargadas, teretes, la ausencia de vainas foliáceas rodeando los pseudobulbos, y las pequeñas flores con segmentos florales romos.

NOTES: This species has no close relatives in the Andean region. It is distinguished by the unifoliate, approximate pseudobulbs with elongate, terete leaves, the lack of foliate sheaths surrounding the pseudobulbs, and the small flowers with blunt floral segments.