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Dasyglossum putumayoensis Uribe-Velez, Sauleda & Szlachetko (Orchidaceae), an Addition to the Flora of Colombia.

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Abstract

The genus *Dasyglossum* König & Schildh. (Orchidaceae), is recognized as a segregate of the *Cyrtochilum*-alliance and a new species of *Dasyglossum* is described from near Mocoa, department of Putumayo, Colombia.

On the basis of sequences of molecular markers, Neubig *et al.* (2012) proposed for the genus *Cyrtochilum* what is obviously a polyphyletic description, which includes several species groups. A total of six smaller, monophyletic and morphologically well defined separated genera (species groups) are recognized within the *Cyrtochilum*-alliance: *Buesiella* C. Schweinf., *Dasyglossum* König & Schildh., *Neodryas* Rchb. f., *Rusbyella* Rolfe ex Rusby, *Siederella* Szlach., Mytnik, Górniak & Romowicz and *Trigonochilum* König & Schildh. (Szlachetko *et al.*, 2017).

We here recognize the generic description made by Garay (1974) of *Cyrtochilum* based on his typification and the six genera that have been subsequently recognized within the *Cyrtochilum*-alliance. Two new species of *Dasyglossum* have recently been described and added to the orchid flora of Colombia: *Dasyglossum caucanum* Uribe-Velez, Sauleda & Szlachetko from the department of Cauca and *Dasyglossum antioquiaensis* Uribe-Velez, Sauleda & Szlachetko from the department of Antioquia. We here describe another new species of *Dasyglossum* from the department of Putumayo, Colombia.

Dasyglossum putumayoensis* Uribe-Velez, Sauleda & Szlachetko, *sp. nov.

Type: Colombia, Department of Putumayo, near Mocoa. Exact locality unknown. Collector *Julio Cesar Ordóñez, s. n.*, 2019. Holotype: HPUJ.

Diagnosis

Dasyglossum putumayoensis is similar to the Ecuadorian congener *Dasyglossum anthoxanthum* (Rchb. f.) Koniger & Schildh., but differs by having brown-maroon flowers where *D. anthoxanthum* has bright yellow flowers. The labellum of *Dasyglossum putumayoensis* is reflexed in natural position exposing the callus apex where in *D. anthoxanthum* the labellum is almost straight. In *D. putumayoensis* the labellum is more or less elliptic in general outline, widest near the middle, where in *D. anthoxanthum* it is cordate-ovate in outline, widest near the base. In *D. putumayoensis* the labellum has an emarginate apex where in *D. anthoxanthum* it is slightly retuse to acute.

The other species similar to *D. putumayoensis* is *Dasyglossum colobium* (Dalstrom) Szlach., Kolan. & Chiron from Ecuador. *Dasyglossum putumayoensis* has flowers twice the size, with additional digitate, somewhat upcurved appendages on both sides of the gynostemium, and lateral sepals are free to the base where the lateral sepals of *D. colobium* are basally fused for 1 mm.

Dasyglossum gracile (Lindl.) Koniger & Schildh. from Ecuador and Peru is similar in flower size and color, but its sepals are broadly spatulate, up to twice longer than wide where in *D. putumayoensis* they are over 3 times longer than wide with rounded apex, where they are subacute in *D. gracile*, pollinia are obovoid-globular, being clavate in *D. putumayoensis*.

Description

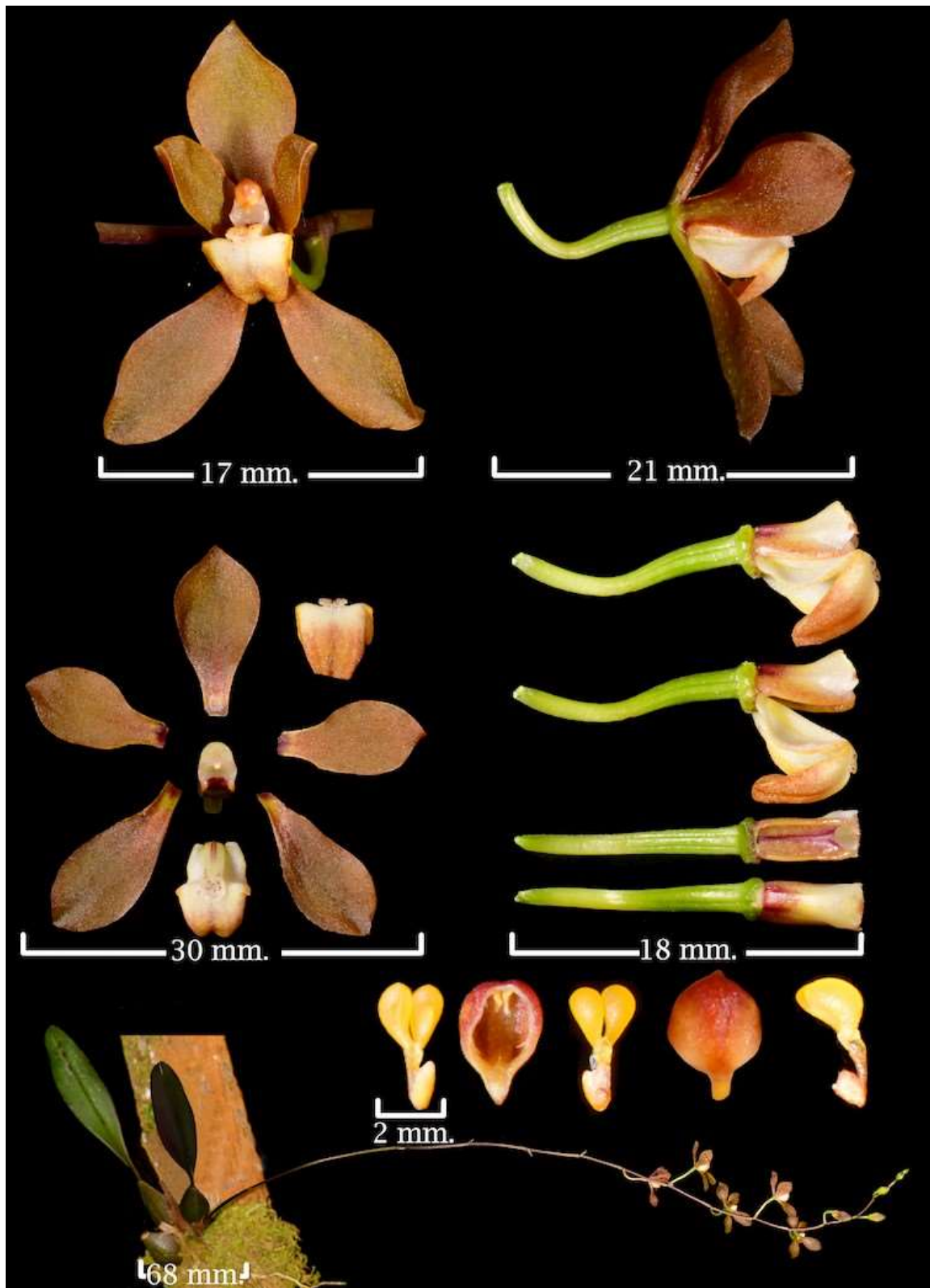
Plant to 14 cm tall; pseudobulbs oblong to obovate, slightly laterally compressed, to 6 cm long, 2.8 cm wide, enclosed basally with 1–2 leafy bracts, unifoliate; leaves linear oblong ligulate, to 10 cm long, 2 cm wide, subacute; inflorescence arching, unbranched, with appressed scale-like bracts, lanceolate, acute, to 4 mm long, 2 mm wide; pedicel with ovary, terete, to 1.2 cm long; flowers with brown maroon tepals; dorsal sepal broadly oblanceolate to spatulate, apiculate, to 1.4 cm long, 4 mm wide, lateral sepals free, broadly oblanceolate to 1.5 cm long, 4 mm wide; labellum white with reddish-brown margin, shallowly 3-lobed, elliptic in outline, to 1 cm long, 6 mm wide, emarginate, lower half of the labellum curving downward from the column, callus a simple pair of fleshy ridges, extending out from labellum, to 2 mm; column short stout, to 8 mm long, 3 mm wide, white basally reddish-brown with two short winglike projections, apex of projections reddish-brown; anther cap reddish-brown, globular to 2 mm wide; pollinarium 1.5 mm long, with 2 clavate pollinia, to 1 mm long.



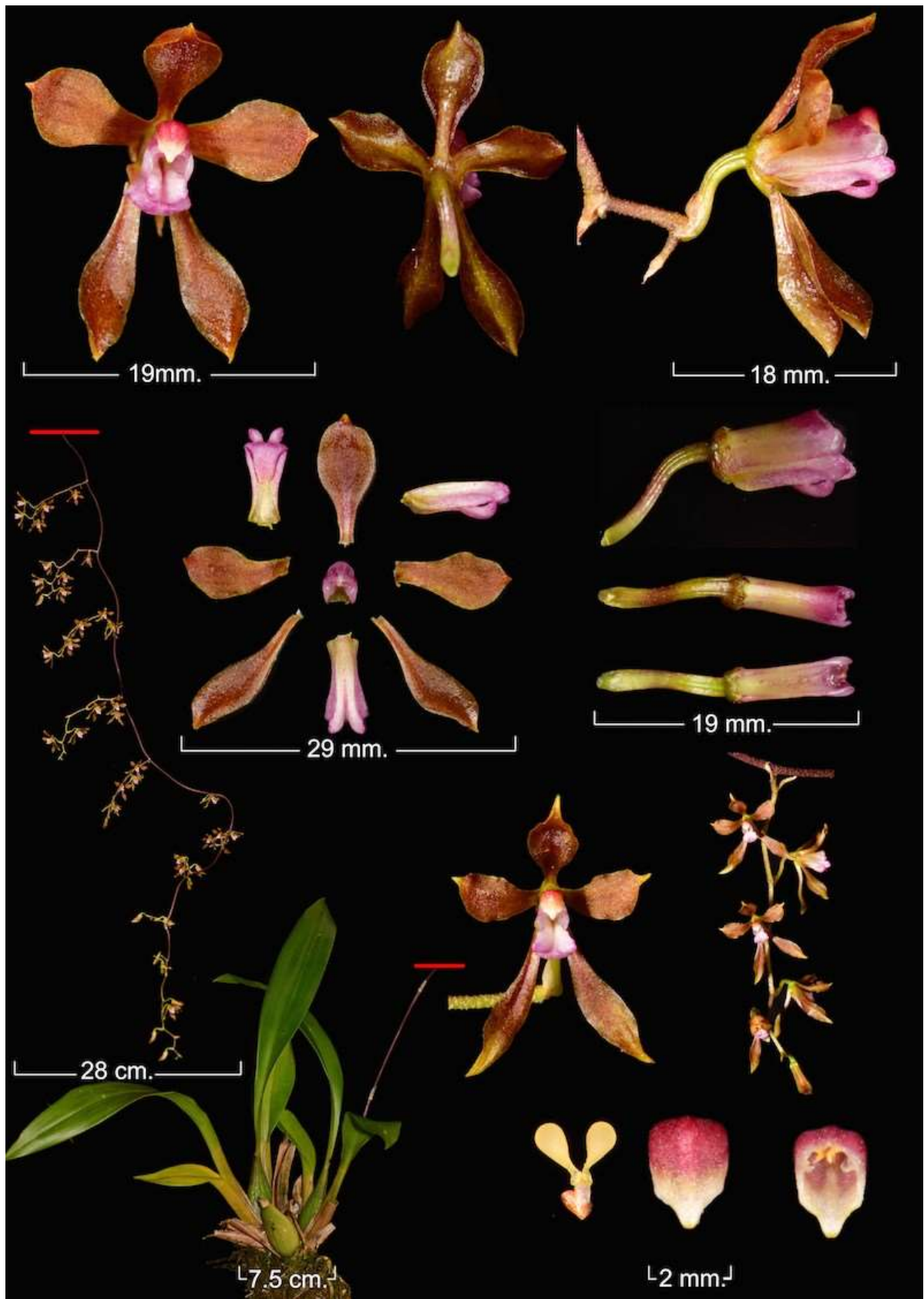
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Dasyglossum caucanum Uribe-Velez, Saulea & Szlachetko.

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