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# NEW RECORDS OF *BULBOPHYLLUM* IN THE FLORA OF VIETNAM

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**ABSTRACT.** *Bulbophyllum leysianum* (sect. *Hyalosema*) and *B. ovalifolium* (sect. *Macrocaulia*) are recorded as new for the flora of Vietnam. Both species originate from the Hon Ba Nature Reserve (Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam). The first was found as an epiphyte on fallen branch in riparian lowland forest, while the second was recorded on small branches in a canopy tree at about 1500 m a.s.l.

**KEY WORDS:** *Bulbophyllum* sections, Epidendroideae, Orchidaceae, Vietnam

**Introduction.** The genus *Bulbophyllum* Thouars is one of the largest plant genera, with well over 2000 species in the tropics and subtropics worldwide (Pridgeon *et al.* 2014). So far, about 145 species in 16 sections have been recorded for Vietnam (Averyanov & Averyanova 2003, Nong & Averyanov 2015, Averyanov *et al.* 2016, Truong & Sridith 2016, Averyanov *et al.* 2017, Nguyen & Averyanov 2017, Averyanov *et al.* 2018, Truong *et al.* 2019a, 2019b, 2019c, Averyanov *et al.* 2019a, 2019b).

During the botanical survey in Hon Ba Nature Reserve (Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam), we found two *Bulbophyllum* species not previously reported from Vietnam, *B. leysianum* Burbidge, of section *Hyalosema* and *B. ovalifolium* Lindl., of section *Macrocaulia*.

**Materials and methods.** We took photos of the plants with a Canon 600D fitted with an EF-S 60mm f/2.8 Macro USM lens. We preserved material of both species in 70% ethanol; the samples are stored in VNM (Institute of Tropical Biology Herbarium). The descriptions below are based on the plants found in Hon Ba Nature Reserve. Terminology for the morphological description follows Beentje (2012) and Vermeulen *et al.* (2015).

## TAXONOMIC TREATMENT

*Bulbophyllum leysianum* Burb., J. Roy. Hort. Soc. 17.1895; Vermeulen *et al.*, Orchid of Borneo: 607, fig. 726, 727, 728. 2015. (Fig. 1).

**TYPE:** Malaysia. Sabah: Sinaroup Village, *Burbidge s.n.* (not seen).

Long-creeping *epiphyte*. *Rhizome* ca. 3 mm in diameter, sections between pseudobulbs 0.6–1.5 cm long. *Pseudobulbs* 1–leafed, glossy green, obliquely ovoid, 1.1–2.0 cm long, 0.5–1.3 cm wide. *Leaves* green, thick, narrowly elliptic, 6–9 cm long, 2.2–3.0 cm wide, apex obtuse; petiole ca. 2 cm long. *Inflorescence* from mature pseudobulbs, 1-flowered, ca. 18 cm long, peduncle ca. 7.4 cm long, bracts 4, 3–8 mm long, apex acute. *Flowers* slightly to moderately opening, dorsal sepal white, suffused pink, greenish around the midvein and towards the base, lateral sepals white, suffused pink, petals white with green veins and pink appendage, lip white, suffused pink, slightly greenish abaxially, and with patches of pink–red spots; pedicel plus ovary ca. 2.7 cm long, floral bract tubular, ca. 11 mm long. *Dorsal sepal* concave towards the base, narrowly ovate, ca. 5.5 cm long, 1.6 cm wide, apex rounded and mucronate, margins entire, ciliolate, surface almost glabrous, abaxially keeled along the midvein; ca. 12–veined. *Lateral sepals* loosely adherent along the lower margins, upper margin curved inwards until it (almost) touches the upper margin of the opposite sepal, flat, obliquely ovate–triangular, clawed, 4.0–4.2 cm long, 7–8 mm wide above the claw, apex acute, margins entire; glabrous, ca. 10–veined. *Petals* obliquely elliptic, ca. 7 mm long, 2 mm wide, apex with a ca. 3 mm long filiform processus ending with a globular, warty apex;

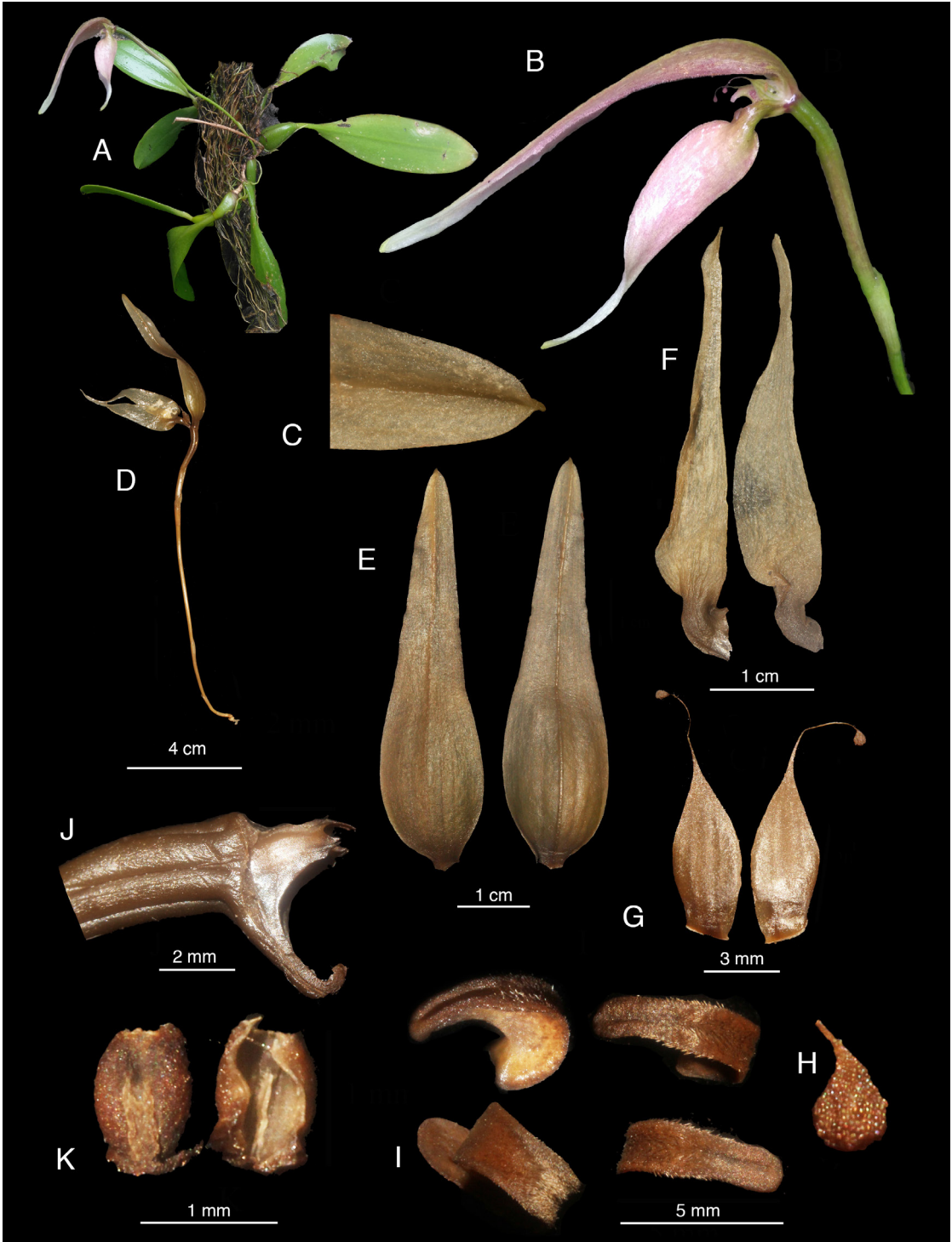


FIGURE 1. *Bulbophyllum leysianum* Burb. A. Flowering plant. B. Flower, side view. C. Leaf apex. D. Flower with pedicel and peduncle. E. Dorsal sepal. F. Lateral sepals. G. Petals. H. Warty apex of petal. I. Labellum, different views. J. Column. K. Anther cap. (TRUONG B.V., BV 340, Hon Ba, Khanh Hoa province, Vietnam). Photos by Truong B. V., 2018.

margins entire; glabrous, 3-veined. *Labellum* fleshy, curved in lateral view, (elliptic-) oblong, *ca.* 5 mm long, 1.8 mm wide, apex rounded, margins ciliate, adaxially slightly concave towards the base, elsewhere with a shallow median furrow which ends just short of the slightly convex apex, surface almost glabrous towards the base, elsewhere hirsute, shorter so towards the apex, abaxially almost glabrous, abaxially with a distinct keel, surface glabrous. *Column* *ca.* 2.8 mm long; stelia short, triangular, acute, with a small, antrorse, acute tooth along the upper margin, and deltoid, obtuse tooth along the lower margin. *Anther cap* with the frontal margin drawn out into a widely rounded beak.

ECOLOGY AND PHENOLOGY: Epiphyte on small branches along a stream over granite bedrock, *ca.* 400 m a.s.l. Very rare in Hon Ba reserve. Flowering in November.

DISTRIBUTION: Peninsular Malaysia, Borneo, Java. This species has been known only from Malesia and hence its occurrence in Vietnam shows a very disjunct distribution range.

MATERIAL EXAMINED: VIETNAM. Khanh Hoa Province: Hon Ba Nature Reserve, 8 November, 2018, *Truong Ba Vuong, Mang Van Lam BV 340* (VNM 00023601); Khanh Hoa Province, Hon Ba Nature Reserve, 19 February, 2019, *Truong Ba Vuong, Mang Van Lam BV 350* (VNM 000023603)

This species may be confused with *B. antenniferum* (Lindl.) Rchb.f., which has been reported from Peninsular Malaysia and peninsular Thailand (Vermeulen *et al.* 2015). *Bulbophyllum leysianum* differs by the nearly oblong, adaxially coarsely hirsute labellum of less than 2 mm wide (vs. labellum ovate-triangular, adaxially finely hirsute only in the centre and otherwise glabrous, and more than 2 mm wide in *B. antenniferum*).

***Bulbophyllum ovalifolium*** (Blume) Lindl., Gen. Sp. Orchid. Pl.: 49. 1830; Seidenf. & Wood, Orch. Malay. Sing.: 513, fig. 234, a-j. 1992; Vermeulen *et al.*, Orchid of Borneo: 552, fig. 669, 670, 671, 672, 673. = *Diphyes ovalifolia* Blume, Bijdr. Fl. Ned. Ind.: 318. 1825. = *Phyllorkis ovalifolia* (Blume) Kuntze, Revis. Gen. Pl. 2: 677. 1891. (Fig. 2)

TYPE. Indonesia: Java, Mount Gedeh, *Blume 509, HLB 902, 322-463* (L! L0058263)

Small, creeping, *epiphyte* on branches orchid. *Rhizomes* *ca.* 0.5 mm in diameter. *Pseudobulbs* 1-leafed, ovoid, narrowly elliptic, *ca.* 6 mm long. *Leaves* 1-leafed, elliptic *ca.* 9.5 mm long, 5 mm wide, obtuse, petiole *ca.* 1.5 mm long. *Inflorescence* orange color, from base of mature pseudobulbs, 1-flowered, *ca.* 1.5 cm long, usually from pseudobulbs without leaves, floral bract, tubular, *ca.* 1 mm long. *Flower* open widely, tepals orange, labellum red, column red. *Dorsal sepals* elliptic, *ca.* 3 mm long, 2 mm wide, subacute and minutely apiculate, margins entire, glabrous, 5-veined. *Lateral sepals* elliptic, *ca.* 4.5 cm long, 2.5 cm, rounded, margins entire, glabrous, 5-veined. *Petals* elliptic, *ca.* 1.5 mm long, 0.5–0.6 mm wide, obtuse, margins entire, glabrous, 1-veined. *Labellum* simple, attached to the column foot by white ligament, recurved proximally, elliptic, *ca.* 2.1 mm long, 1.2 mm wide, margin distally folded downward, abaxial surface concave and glabrous proximally, convex and coarsely verruculose distally. *Column* *ca.* 0.3 cm long, column foot *ca.* 1 mm long, stigma elliptic; stelia *ca.* 0.8 mm long, triangular subulate, slightly downwards curved, acute. *Pollina* 4. *Anther cap* not seen.

ECOLOGY AND PHENOLOGY: Epiphyte on small branches in a canopy tree, *ca.* 1500 m a.s.l. Very rare in Hon Ba Nature Reserve. Flowering in June.

DISTRIBUTION: China (Yunnan), Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia, Borneo (Sabah, Sarawak), Sumatra, Java, Flores, Sulawesi.

MATERIAL EXAMINED: VIETNAM. Khanh Hoa Province: Hon Ba Nature Reserve, 21 June, 2019, *Truong Ba Vuong, Tu Bao Ngan & Mang Van Lam, BV 378* (VNM 00023604)

Very variable in flower size and color, and lip shape. The adaxial surface of the lip varies from smooth to coarsely verruculose. Specimens from Vietnam have a verruculose lip; these differ from *Bulbophyllum catenarium* Ridl. (Fig. 3) by the general outline (without spreading) of the lip: elliptic to ovate in *B. ovalifolium*, versus triangular proximally and globose distally in *B. catenarium*.

*Bulbophyllum ovalifolium* is similar to *Bulbophyllum moniliforme* C.S.P. Parish & Rchb.f. but the latter has spherical (slightly inflated) bulbs

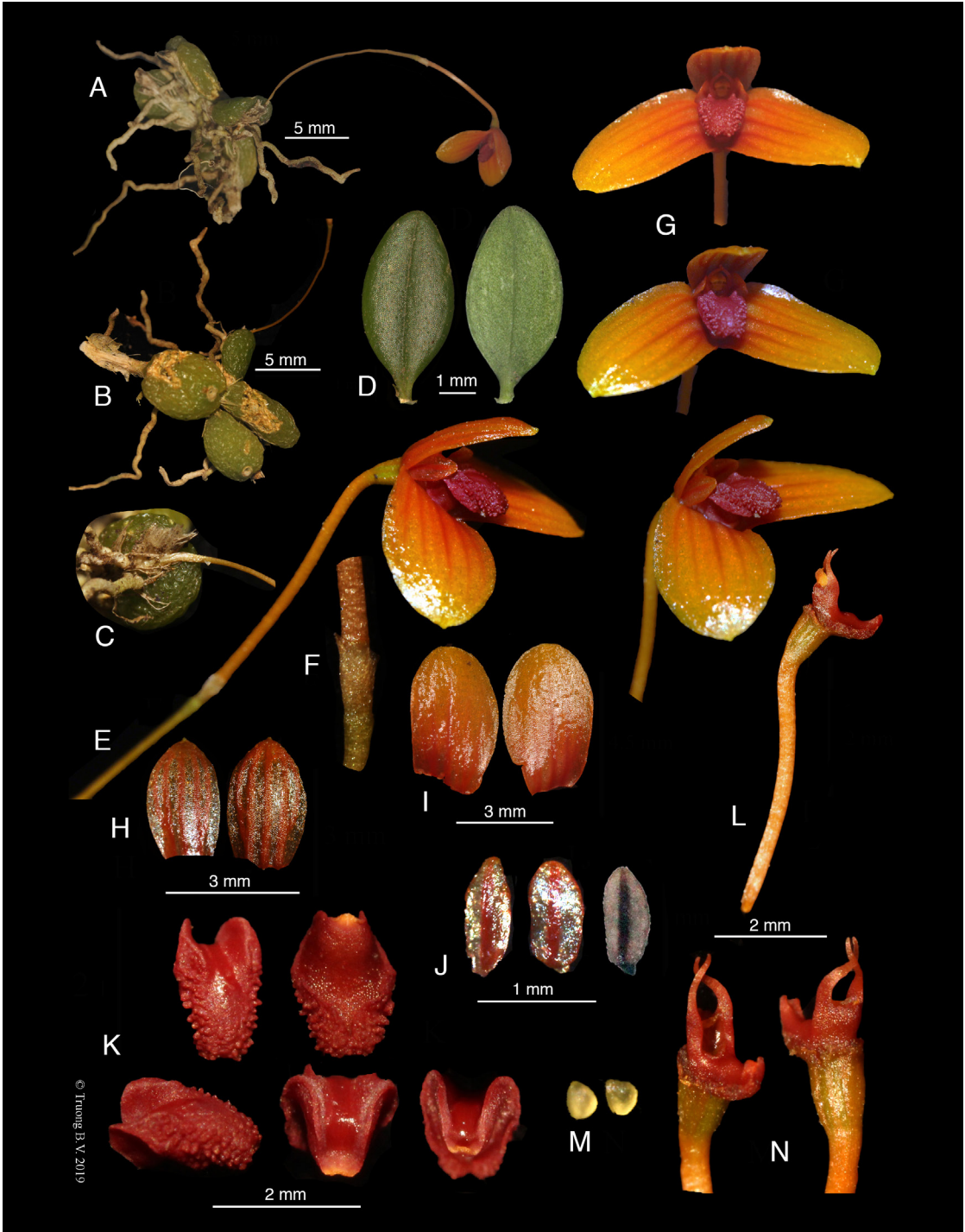


FIGURE 2. *Bulbophyllum ovalifolium* (Blume) Lindl. A. Flowering plant. B. Pseudobulbs. C. Base of inflorescence arising from pseudobulb. D. Leaves. E. Flower with pedicel and peduncle. F. Floral bract. G. Flower, different views. H. Dorsal sepal. I. Lateral sepals. J. Petals. K. Labellum, different views. L. Column with pedicel. M. Pollinia. N. Column and stielidia. (Truong Ba Vuong, Tu Bao Ngan & Mang Van Lam, BV 378, Hon Ba, Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam). Photos by Truong B.V., 2019.





FIGURE 3. *Bulbophyllum catenarium* Ridl. (Vermeulen 4329, Malaysia, Sabah, Crocker Range, G. Alab, 2000 m a.s.l.). Photo by Jaap J. Vermeulen.

which do not usually bear leaves in flowering season. However, *B. ovalifolium* has slightly inclined ovate bulbs usually bearing leaves while flowering. Labellum in *B. moniliforme* has smooth surface bearing very inconspicuous side lobes, however it is rough or warted on the upper surface in *B. ovalifolium* with very distinct side lobes.

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