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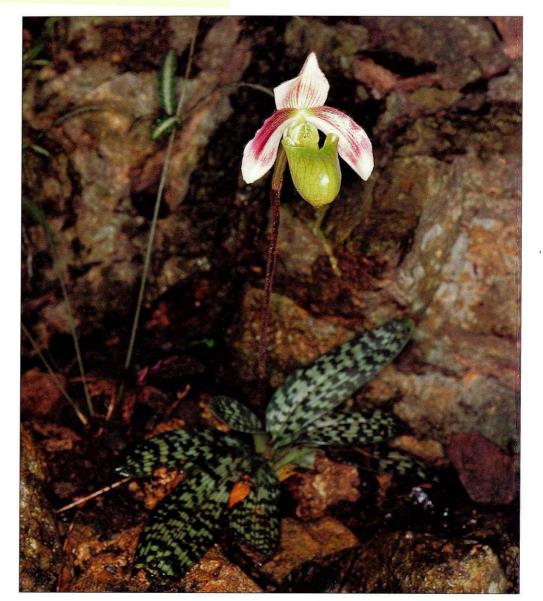


Fig. 94. Paphiopedilum violascens growing in Cyclops Mountains, Irian Jaya. (Photo.: P. Cribb)

is *P. papuanum* Ridley from west New Guinea which has a relatively smaller lip, a staminode broadly notched at the base and distinctly finely spotted petals. Many of the specimens currently in cultivation as *P. papuanum* are, in fact, *P. violascens*, having been misnamed by the importer or the nursery that sold them. Sadly, several of the Papuan populations of *P. violascens* have been greatly depleted or even exterminated by collectors.

Paphiopedilum violascens grows in a variety of forest types at low to intermediate altitudes. In east New Guinea, it has been found growing in light shade under Eucalyptus deglupta, Casuarina and myrtaceous shrubs on ultrabasic soils, whilst on islands off the east coast it has been found on volcanic soils under Pandanus and Eugenia and also under dwarf