



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