

# 65. PAPHIOPEDILUM URBANIANUM

This attractive species was first described as recently as 1981 from specimens gathered on Mindoro in the Philippines by collectors working for the Tecson Orchid Co. of Manila. It was discovered in 1975 and recollected in 1980, the type plant coming from the latter collection. This flowered in cultivation in California in March 1981 and was named by Dr Jack Fowlie in honour of Mrs Jacinta Urban, the owner of the Tecson Orchid Co.

*Paphiopedilum urbanianum* may be most closely related to *P. javanicum* and *P. argus*. It differs from the former in having a larger, flat dorsal sepal, distinctively marked petals, a glossy brownish red lip and staminode which is as long as broad and lined with dark green veins. From the latter, it is readily distinguished by its narrow shortly-ciliate petals, its glossy



Fig. 119. *Paphiopedilum urbanianum*, flowering in cultivation. (Photo.: P. Cribb)