

In any case, by using the elements of the earlier description for *C. chamberlainianum*, Sander effectively sank *C. victoria-regina* which, no doubt, explains the absence of the latter from the *Index Kewensis* and its total disappearance from usage for over 80 years.

Unfortunately, by stating that the plants of *C. victoria-regina* had all perished in transit, Sander implied that they were distinct. Wood was the first, therefore, to consider them synonymous and under Article 57.2 of the ICBN his selection of the epithet "*victoria-regina*" has priority.

I do not agree with him, however, that *C. victoria-mariae* is a later name for *C. victoria-regina* because the original description of the latter is quite specific in stating that the dorsal sepal is lined with 'rosy purple' and the petals are spotted with purple.



Fig. 59. *Paphiopedilum victoria-regina*, close-up of flower. (Photo.: P. Cribb)