



Fig. 43. *Paphiopedilum supardii*, flowering in cultivation, Lawang, East Java. (Photo.: P. Cribb)

rediscovered it on an expedition to south-east Kalimantan in 1972. He also published a photograph of it, under the name *P. 'victoria'*, in *Panda Nieuws* in 1975.

Schoser & Deelder intended describing it shortly afterwards as a new species, *P. "devogelii"*, but did not eventually do so, although the name later became widely used amongst orchid growers. It was first introduced into cultivation in 1982 when plants from Kalimantan were sent to nurseries in Java. These flowered for the first time in 1983. A quantity of plants were sold by them as '*P. devogelii*' in the USA, Australia and Europe. Unfortunately, instead of validating that name, Braem & Loeb (1985) described this species as *P. supardii* without reference to the specimen collected by de Vogel. The name used by them refers to the collector of their type material. The plant illustrated here was kindly loaned by Mr Norman Heywood for whom it flowered in August 1986.

DESCRIPTION. An erect lithophytic herb with a very short stem. Leaves 7–9, arranged in a fan, coriaceous, suberect, ligulate, rounded at unequally bilobed apex, 22–55 cm long, 3.5–5.5 cm wide, dark green, keeled on lower surface. Inflorescence erect, 3- to 7-flowered, 30–45 cm long; peduncle 20–30 cm long; bracts large, elliptic, acute, up to 5.2 cm long, pale yellow-green, veined with purple. Flowers appearing deformed, pale yellow to yellowish-green; dorsal sepal with brownish purple lines; petals spotted with red-maroon; lip yellow or white flushed pale to darker red-brown with purplish veins; staminode yellow with marginal brown hairs; pedicel and ovary up to 4.5 cm long, brown-maroon. Dorsal sepal ovate, acute or acuminate, 2.5–5.5 cm long, 2.4–2.6 cm wide. Synsepal ovate, acuminate, 2.5–5.5 cm long, c. 2.2 cm wide. Petals deflexed, contorted-twisted, linear-tapering, obtuse, once-twisted in apical half, 8–9 cm long, 0.7–0.9 cm wide. Lip apically broad but rather pointed in side view, 4–5 cm long, 1.5–1.8 cm wide. Staminode geniculate, subquadrate in front view, 8 mm long, 8–9 mm across, pilose on each side, not covering anthers on each side of stigmatic stalk. (PLATE 24 & FIG. 43).