

THE NOMENCLATORIAL STATUS OF MALAXIS EXCAVATA

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which makes it possible to correlate the species definitely with names subsequently proposed.

Malaxis excavata is a widespread species and is, as one might expect, subject to considerable variation. This variation in the species accounts for much of the synonymy cited above. The species occurs from Mexico to Argentina. I have seen specimens or records of specimens (drawings, photographs) from the countries cited below. *Malaxis excavata* may be found in other adjacent countries as botanical exploration progresses.

Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador?, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil and Argentina.



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