

*Pleurothallis amphigyra* Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

Herba parva caespitosa, caulibus secundariis gracillimis teretibus, folio anguste elliptico acuto sessili, flore atropurpureo singulari successive longipedunculate, sepalo dorsali synsepaloque ovatis apice longissime attenuatis, petalis ellipticis obliquis ciliatis acuminatis, labello parvo triangulari.

Plant small, epiphytic, caespitose; roots fine, flexuous. Secondary stems suberect to erect, very slender, terete, unifoliate, 3-4.5 cm long, with a thin, tubular sheath below the middle and another at the base. Leaf erect, coriaceous, narrowly elliptical-ovate, 4.6 cm long, 6-7 mm wide, the acute apex tridenticulate, the base narrowly cuneate, sessile. Inflorescence a fascicle of single, successive, maroon flowers from a 4 mm spathe at the base of the leaf; peduncles 15-17 mm long; floral bract and pedicel each 3-4 mm long; ovary 3 mm long; dorsal sepal ovate, concave, the apex long-acuminate, acute, with involute margins, 21 mm long, 4 mm wide spread out near the base; lateral sepals connate into a narrowly ovate lamina, the apex similarly long-acuminate with involute margins, 20.5 mm long, 3.5 mm wide; petals descending, reclining, elliptical, oblique, 8 mm long, 2 mm wide, minutely ciliate, the apex acuminate, acute; lip triangular, 2 mm long, 1.5 mm wide, the apex acute, apiculate, the basal angles erect, rounded, the glenion well-developed; column stout, 0.75 mm long and wide.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Greek *amphigyros* (ἀμφίγυρος), "pointed at both ends," referring to the long-pointed dorsal sepal and synsepal at opposite ends of the flower.

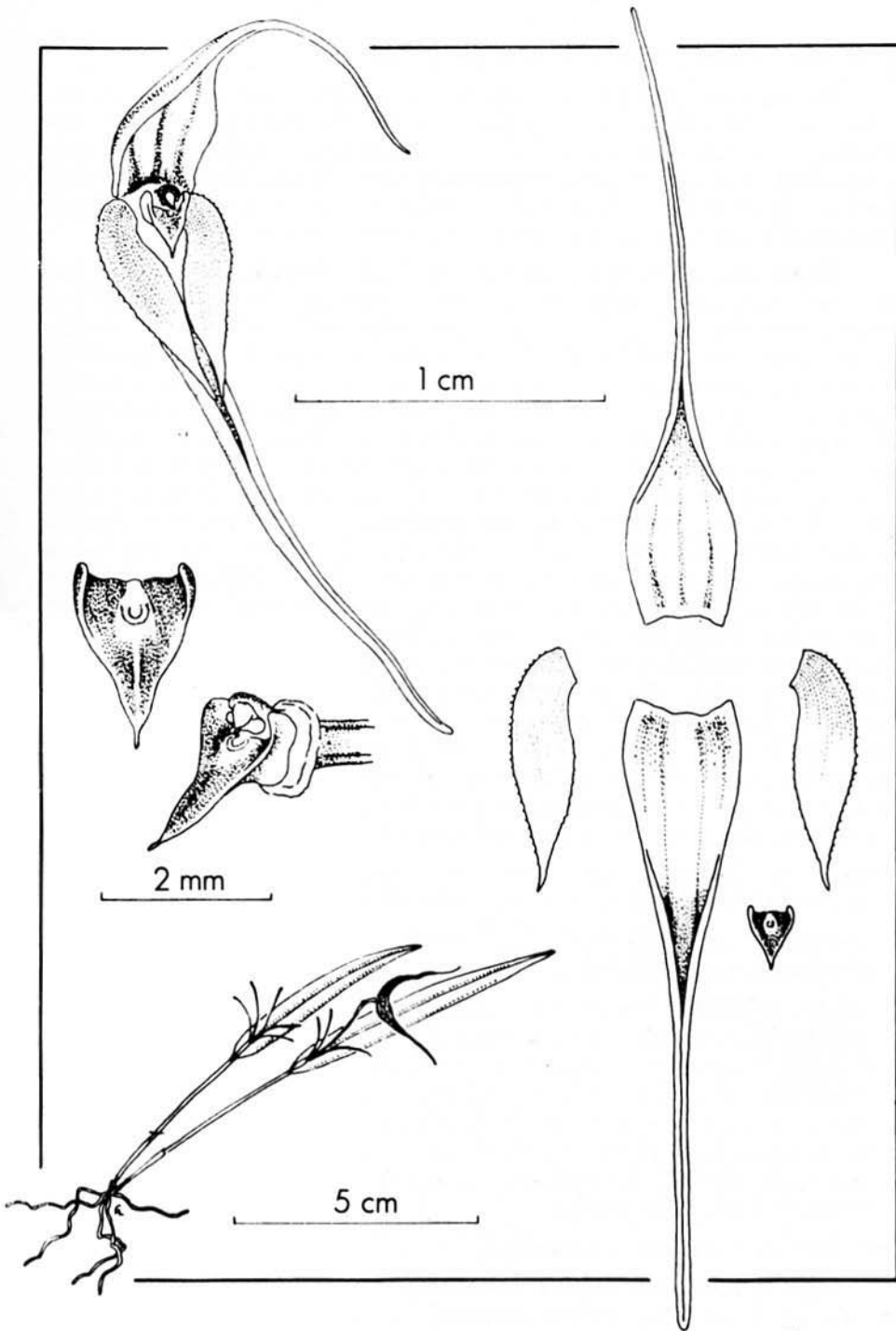
Del griego *amphigyros* (ἀμφίγυρος) "puntudo por ambos extremos," en referencia al sépalo dorsal y al sinsépalo largamente acuminados, en los extremos opuestos de la flor.

TYPE: COLOMBIA: CUNDINAMARCA: exact locality unknown, cultivated by Padre S. Restrepo at El Retiro, flowered in cult. 15 Oct. 1977, C. Luer 2046 (HOLOTYPE: SEL).

DISTRIBUTION: Colombia, eastern Cordillera.

This species is closely related to *Pleurothallis quadricaudata* Schltr., but it may be distinguished by the smaller stature with much narrower leaves. The petals are less than half the length of the sepals, whereas in *P. quadricaudata* the petals are nearly as long as the sepals.

Esta especie está emparentada de cerca con *Pleurothallis quadricaudata* Schltr., pero se puede diferenciar por el tamaño menor y las hojas mucho más estrechas. Los pétalos tienen una longitud menor que la mitad de los sépalos, mientras que en *P. quadricaudata* los pétalos son casi tan largos como los sépalos.



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