

Nuevas descripciones del género
Dracula Luer

New descriptions of species in
the genus Dracula Luer

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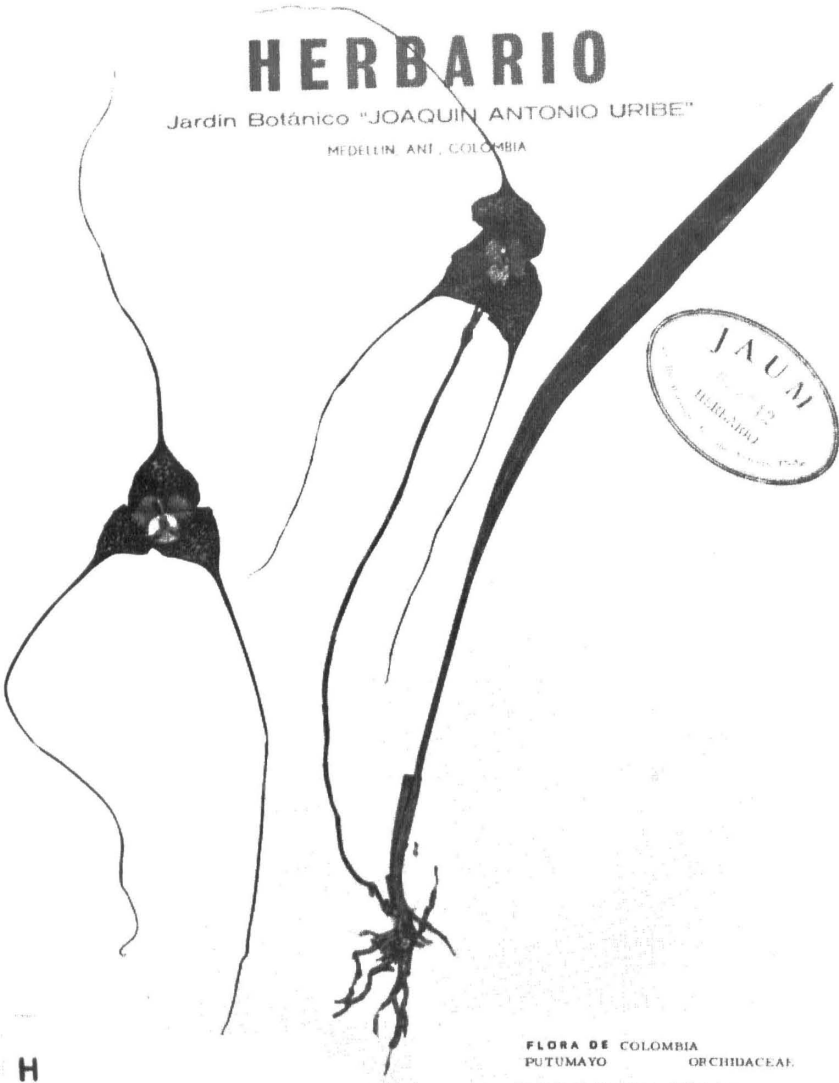
Dracula alcithoe Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

A speciebus ceteris generis **Draculae** Luer foliis longis angustis, flore grandi specioso purpureo maculato cum zona centrali pallida distincta, sepalis ovatis acuminatis intus longipubescentibus caudis gracilibus longissimis, petalis bivalvatis crassissimis, hypochillo labelli grandi orbiculari multilamellato concavo marginibus denticulatis involutis dignoscenda.

Plant large, epiphytic, caespitose; roots coarse, flexuous. Secondary stem slender, sulcate, 3 - 5.5 cm long, enclosed by 2 - 3 loose, tubular sheaths. Leaf erect, thinly coriaceous, carinate dorsally, linear to very narrowly obovate, 19 - 34 cm long, 1.6 - 2.3 cm wide, the apex acute, tridenticulate, gradually narrowed below into the conduplicate base. Inflorescence a successively 5 - flowered raceme of showy, widespread flowers borne by a horizontal to descending peduncle 16 - 20 cm long, from a node low on the secondary stem; floral bract 10 - 12 mm long; pedicel 16 - 18 mm long, ovary minutely verrucose, 8 mm long; sepals long-pubescent within, spotted with purple on pale yellow, with a distinct pale zone toward the base with minute dots, all sepals ovate, the acute apices acuminate into slender, dark purple tails 12 - 14 cm long, the blade of the dorsal sepals 30 - 35 mm long, 22 - 24 mm wide, connate to the lateral sepals for 7 mm the lateral sepals 40 mm long, 25 mm wide, connate 20 mm to form a broad shallow mentum; petals white, marked with red, oblong, 3.5 mm long, 2 mm wide, the apex much thickened, bivalvate, densely papillose between the verrucose inner lamina and the rounded outer lamina; lip white, spatulate, 13 mm long, 10 mm wide, the hypochile oblong, 3 mm long and wide, the marginal angles erect, obtuse,

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Dracula siclithoe Luer & Escobar

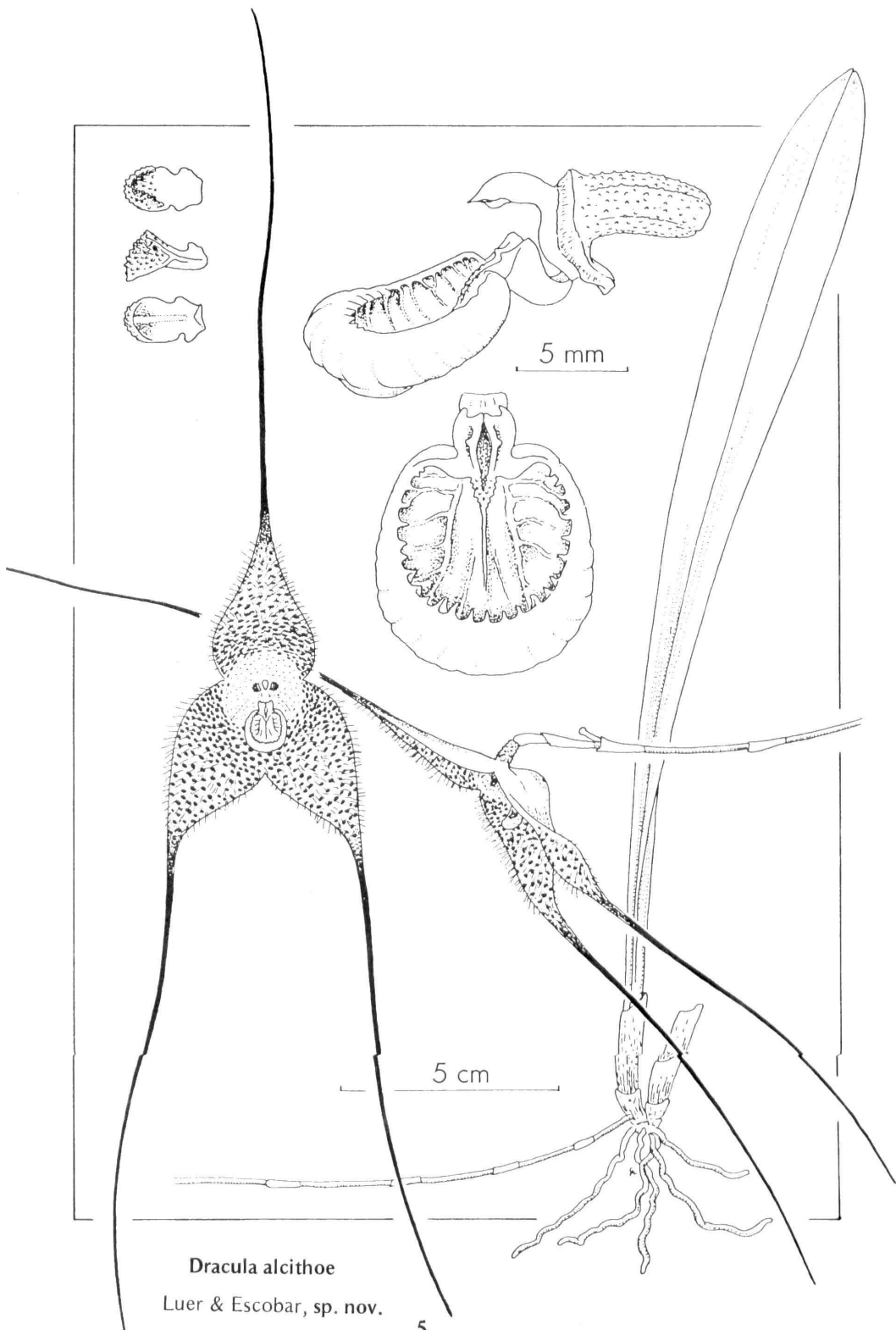
Valle del Sibundoy, Balsayaco, alt. ca. 2500 m.,
recolectada por O. Ospina, 28 Marzo 1979, cult.
por O. Ospina en Sibundoy.

Sépalos amarillo claro manchados de morado, den-
samente pubescentes y con una bien marcada zona
pálida hacia las bases, caudal morado oscuro, pé-
talos blancos salpicados de rojo, labio blanco.

Colector: R. Escobar

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cleft centrally, the concave base hinged to the column-foot, the epichile suborbicular, 10 mm long, 10 mm wide, concave with involute denticulate margins, with multiple branching, radiating lamellae; column white, semiterete, 4 mm long, with a stout foot equally long.

ETIMOLOGIA: Nombrada por Alcithoe, la mujer de la mitología griega que fue convertida en murciélago.

ETYMOLOGY: Named for Alcithoe, a woman in the Greek mythology turned into a bat.

TYPE: **COLOMBIA:** Intend. of PUTUMAYO: Valle del Sibundoy, Balsayaco, alt. 2500 m 28 March 1979, **Hermano Octavio Ospina** s.n. HOLOTYPE: JAUM: ISOTYPE: SEL), C. Luer illustr. 4845
DISTRIBUTION: Southern Colombia.

Esta vistosa especie se caracteriza por las largas y delgadas hojas y por una flor grande de colas muy largas. Los sépalos acuminados, de pubescencia larga están densamente punteados de púrpura excepto cerca de las bases en donde una zona pálida diferente rodea columna, pétalos y labelo. El epiquilo del labelo redondeado, grande y cóncavo es multilamelado por dentro con márgenes incurvados denticulados.

This showy species is characterized by the long, slender leaves and a large very long-tailed flower. The long-pubescent, acuminate sepals are densely spotted with purple except near the bases where a distinct, pale zone surrounds the column, petals and lip. The large, concave, rounded epichile of the lip is multilaminated within with incurved, denticulate margins.