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Pleurothallis araguensis *Ames sp. nov.* Caules secundarii elongati, rigidi, monophylli. Folium oblongo-ellipticum. Flores inter se distantes in racemo laxo dispositi. Sepala lateralia usque ad apicem cohaerentia. Sepalum dorsale ovatum, lanceolatum. Petala incrassata, lanceolata. Labellum in circuitu suborbiculare, bicallosum.

Roots coarse, 2 mm. thick, whitish, fasciculate. Secondary stems about 22 cm. long, 2.5 mm. in diameter, bivaginate; sheaths about 3 cm. long, closely appressed. Leaf about 15 cm. long, 3 cm. wide near the middle, oblong-elliptic, gradually tapering toward the base, subacute, coriaceous, nervose when dry. Peduncle slender, with the few-flowered raceme 5–10 cm. long, arising from a rigid complanate sheath. Flowers 2 cm. apart. Pedicel and ovary 5–10 mm. long, subtended by a slender, loosely appressed infundibuliform bract which is about 5 mm. long. Flowers greenish purple, with purple longitudinal stripes. Lateral sepals coherent to the tip, forming an ovate lamina 1 cm. long, about 7 mm. wide, 6-nerved; nerves purplish. Dorsal sepal 1 cm. long, about 5 mm. wide, ovate-lanceolate, acute, 3-nerved. Petals 7 mm. long, narrowly lanceolate, very fleshy, apex thickened, 3-nerved. Labellum 4.7 mm. long, suborbicular when spread flat, acute, sharply deflexed

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from about the middle, callose-thickened on each side near the middle, the round tip of each callus extending nearly to the margin. Column 3 mm. long.

Similar to *Pleurothallis Lindenii* Lindl., but with smaller flowers, and rotund labellum. In habit not unlike *P. strobilifera* Lehm. & Kränzl., but with very dissimilar flowers.

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