

Pleurothallis hippocreptica Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

Species haec *P. taurus* Luer similis, sed caulibus secundariis longioribus nonresupinatis, folio multilongiore et labello hippocreptica cum lobis lateralibus latioribus brevioribusque differt.

Plant large, epiphytic, caespitose; roots coarse. Secondary stems stout, erect, 20-32 cm long, with a tubular sheath below the middle and another 2 at the base. Leaf erect, coriaceous, ovate, shortly acuminate, acute, 11-15 cm long, 5-8 cm wide, the base rounded, sessile. Inflorescence racemose, 1-3 erect, subdensely many-flowered racemes up to 25 cm long, from a 2.5 cm long spathe at the base of the leaf; floral bract 4 mm long; pedicel 3 mm long; ovary 5 mm long; sepals lemon yellow, glabrous, the middle sepal ovate, acute, 9.5 mm long, 6 mm wide, the lateral sepals connate into a deeply concave, broadly ovoid, obtuse synsepal, 9 mm long, 7 mm wide unexpanded (10 mm wide expanded), petals brown, very narrowly triangular, acute, thickened, 6 mm long, 1 mm wide; lip yellow, 3-lobed, 2 mm long, 9 mm wide expanded, the middle lobe short, obtuse, acuminate-apiculate, the lateral lobes narrowly oblong, obtuse, incurved, 4 mm long, 1 mm wide, the base solidly connate to the base of the column; column cylindrical, 2 mm long, footless.

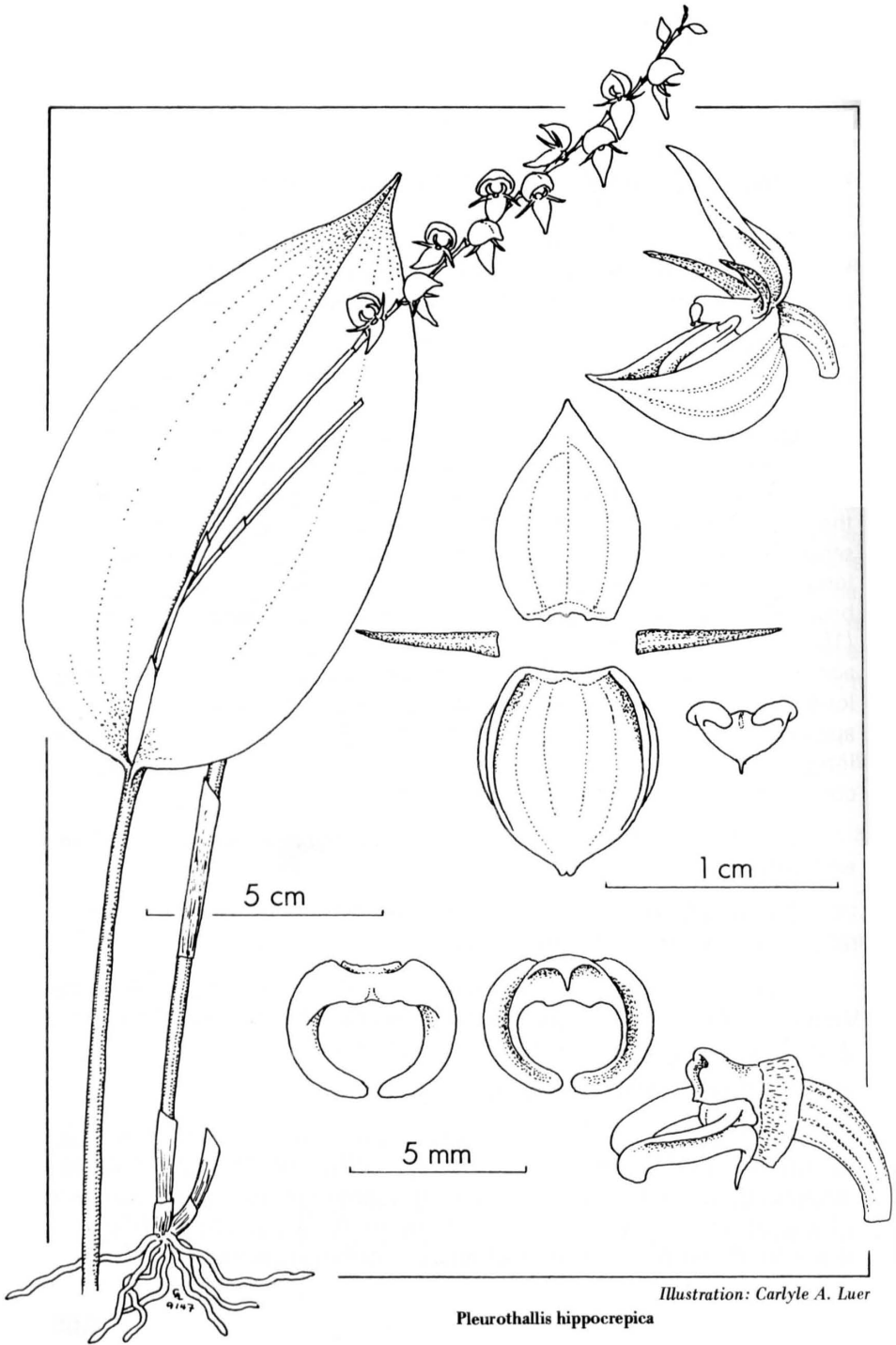
ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin *hippocrepicus*, "horse shoe-shaped," referring to the shape of the lip.

ETIMOLOGIA: Del latín *hippocrepicus*, "en forma de herradura", en referencia a la forma del labelo.

TYPE: COLOMBIA: ANTIOQUIA: Munic. of Jardin: Alto de Ventanas, alt. 2.800 m, 25 May 1983, R. Escobar & L. & J. Posada et al. 2704 (Holotype: SEL.), C. Luer illustr. 9147.

DISTRIBUTION: Colombia, Western Cordillera.

The long-lobed lip of this species is similar to that of *P. taurus*, but the habit of the two species is very different. The tall, stout secondary stems of *P. hippocreptica* bear a large, broadly ovate leaf and a long, erect raceme. The short stems of *P. taurus* are prolific and bear a small, narrowly ovate leaf and a drooping raceme.



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El labelo largo-lobado de esta especie es similar al del *P. taurus* Luer, pero la forma de crecimiento de las dos especies es muy diferente. Los tallos secundarios altos y robustos del *P. hippocrepica* llevan una hoja grande, anchamente ovada, y un racimo largo, erecto. Los tallos cortos del *P. taurus* son prolíficos y llevan pequeñas hojas estrechamente ovadas y un racimo péndulo.