

**Pleurothallis imber-florum** Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

Species haec *P. secundae* Poepp. & Endl. affinis sed racemis longioribus, floribus minoribus et petalis erosi-fimbriatis differt.

Plant medium to large, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Secondary stems erect, slender, 12-31 cm long, with a close, tubular sheath above the base and another at the base. Leaf erect, coriaceous, ovate, 9-16 cm long, 3-6 cm wide, the apex shortly acuminate, acute, the base cuneate, sessile. Inflorescence racemose, 1-3 densely many-flowered, arching racemes 14-36 cm long, from a 1-2 cm long spathe at the base of the leaf; sepals translucent colorless with dull purple-brown spots, glabrous, the middle sepal ovate, acute, 7 mm long, 2.5 mm wide, the lateral sepals uppermost, connate into a concave, ovate synsepal 7 mm long, 4 mm wide uspread, the apex acute; petals translucent with purple-brown spots, ovate, oblique, acute, 6 mm long, 2 mm wide, the margins fimbriate-erose; lip white, transversely obcordate, 2 mm long, 2 mm wide, the broadly truncate apex shortly apiculate, the base with rounded lobes to either side of the column, the disc concave centrally between a pair of conical calli above the basal lobes, column stout, 1 mm long, footless.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin *imber*, "a rain shower," and *florum*, "of flowers," in allusion to the numerous spotted flowers in arching racemes.

ETIMOLOGIA: Del latín *imber* "lluvia", y *florum* "de flores", en alusión a las numerosas flores moteadas en racimos arqueados.

TYPE: COLOMBIA: CHOCO: Munic. of San José del Palmar, alt. ca. 2.000 m, Oct. 1981, L. & J. Posada et al., cultivated at Colomborquideas, El Retiro, flowered in cult. 29 Nov. 1982, R. Escobar 2451 (Holotype: SEL); C. Luer Illustr. 8508.

DISTRIBUTION: Colombia, Western Cordillera.

This pretty species is related to *P. secunda* but *P. imber-florum*

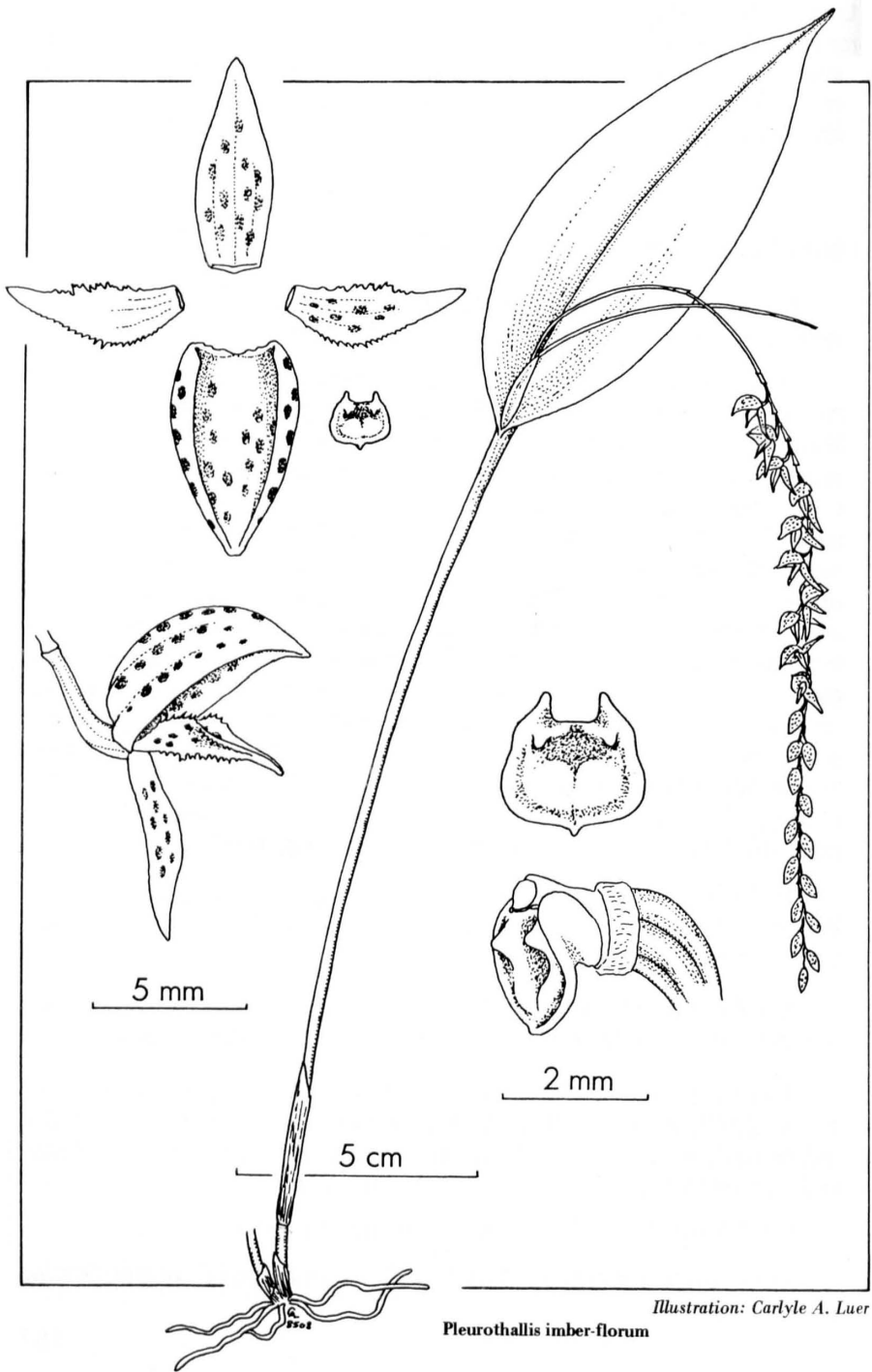


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is easily distinguished by the long, arching racemes of smaller, spotted flowers. The margins of the petals are shortly and irregularly fimbriate.

Esta bonita especie está relacionada al *P. secunda*, Poepp. & Endl, pero el *P. imber-florum* se distingue fácilmente por largos y arqueados racimos de pequeñas flores moteadas. Las márgenes de los pétalos son corta e irregularmente fimbriadas.