

**Pleurothallis phrynoglossa** Luer & Hirtz, sp. nov.

Plate 10.

Ety.: From the Greek *phrynos*, "a toad," and *glossa*, "a tongue," referring to the warty lip.

Planta mediocris, pedunculo racemoque folio crasso brevioribus, sepalis angustissime acutis, petalis anguste ellipticis acutis, et lamina labelli anguste ovata verrucosa unguiculata distinguitur.

**Plant** medium in size, shortly repent, the rhizomes 6-7 mm thick, ca. 1 cm long between ramicauls; roots coarse. Ramicauls stout, erect, 1.5 cm long, enclosed by thin, tubular sheaths. **Leaf** erect, thickly coriaceous, elliptical, subacute to obtuse, 6-7 cm long, 2.5-3 cm wide, cuneate below to the sessile base. **Inflorescence** a subcongested, successively few-flowered raceme, up to 3 cm long, borne by a peduncle 1.5-2 cm long, from the apex of the ramicaul at the base of the leaf; floral bracts oblique, 5 mm long; pedicel 7 mm long; ovary papillose, 6 mm long, 5 mm broad; **sepals** fleshy, narrowly ovate-triangular, very acute, the dorsal sepal 30 mm long, 10 mm wide, 9-veined, free from the lateral sepals, the lateral sepals 33 mm long, 10 mm wide, 8-veined, carinate with the carina suberose, free to the base, from the sides of the column, forming a small broad mentum; **petals** narrowly elliptical, acute, 11 mm long, 2 mm wide; **lip** unguiculate, ovate, acute, 17 mm long, 5 mm wide, with undulate margins, the disc with a pair of verrucose, oblique calli at the middle, scattered verrucae below the middle, and verrucae in a central strip above the middle, the claw 2 mm long, concave; **column** stout, semiterete, minutely erose at the elongated tip, 9 mm long, the foot stout, 8 mm long.

ECUADOR: **Azuay**: south of Cuenca, collected by Boris Goercke, A. Hirtz 6580 (Holotype: MO), C. Luer illustr. 18683.

Among the members of subgenus *Kraenzlinella*, this species is most similar to *P. lappago* Luer in habit, but perhaps with a shorter ramicaul. The specimen in hand is scanty. The flowers, however, are larger with the sepals and the petals sharply acute. Most distinctive is the large, unguiculate, warty lip.

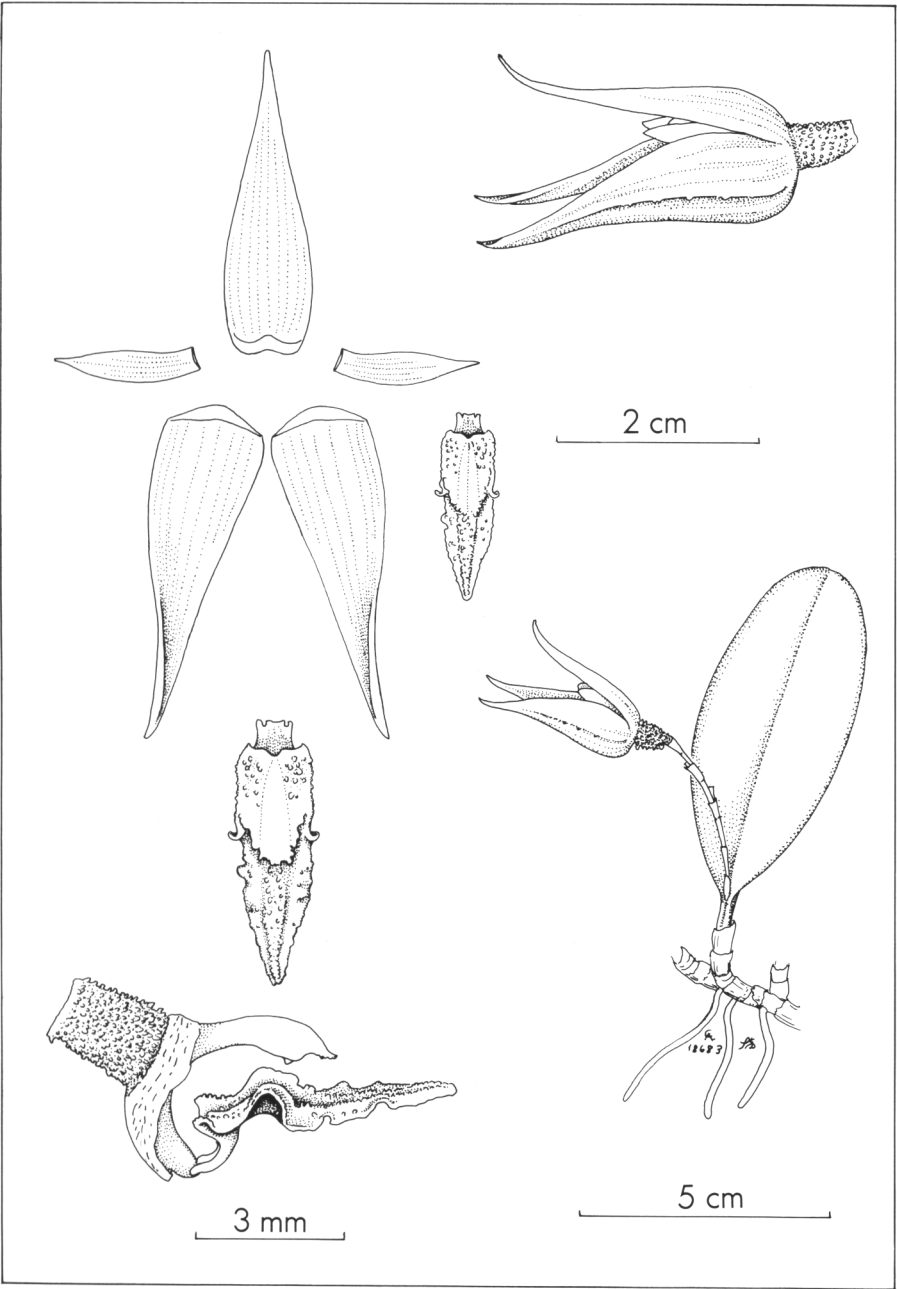


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