

Pleurothallis pulvinaris Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

Species haec *P. inflatae* Rolfe affinis, sed synsepalo leviter concavo elongato, petalis anguste acuminatis et labello late alato cum callo orbiculari distinguitur.

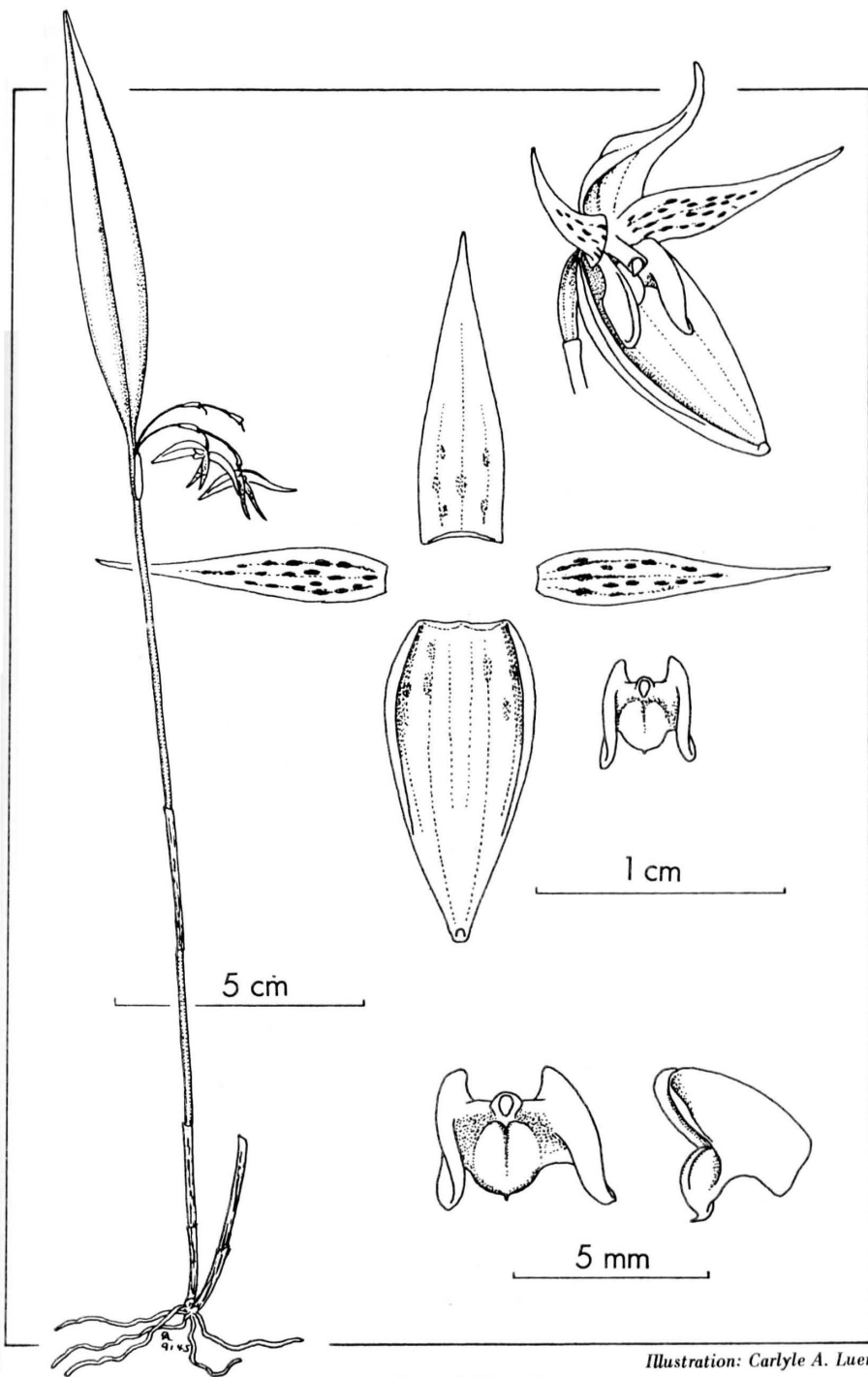
Plant medium in size, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Secondary stems erect, slender, 16-25 cm long, with a tubular sheath below the middle and another 2 at the base. Leaf erect, coriaceous, narrowly elliptical, acute, 9-12 cm long including the 1-1.5 cm long petiole, 1-1.5 cm wide, narrowly cuneate below into the slender petiole. Inflorescence a weak, simultaneously 2-flowered raceme (occasionally 1-flowered), borne by a slender, flaccid peduncle ca. 2.5 cm long, from a spathe 1 cm long near the apex of the secondary stem; flowers nodding, either resupinate or non-resupinate; floral bract infundibuliform, 5-6 mm long, pedicel 7-8 mm long; ovary 5 mm long; sepals translucent white with a few light purple spots near the base, glabrous, the middle sepal narrowly ovate, acute, 12.5 mm long, 3.5 mm wide, the lateral sepals connate into a concave, ovate, acute synsepal 13 mm long, 6 mm wide unexpanded (9 mm wide expanded); petals white, streaked and spotted with red, narrowly ovate, entire, attenuate, acute, 12 mm long, 2.3 mm wide, lip white, 3-lobed, 3 mm long, 8 mm wide expanded, the lateral lobes oblong, obtuse, folded forward, the middle lobe rounded, apiculate, occupied by an orbicular, convex callus above an erect glenion at the base, the base rigidly connate to the base of the column; column cylindrical, 2 mm long, footless.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin *pulvinaris*, "cushioned," in allusion to the round callus of the lip.

ETIMOLOGIA: Del latín *pulvinaris*, "acolchonado", en alusión al callo redondo del labelo.

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This species is closely related to *P. inflata*, but *P. pulvinaris* may be distinguished by the longer and narrower synsepal; the narrower petals; and lip with a large pair of forwardly directed lateral lobes and a well-developed, round callus filling the middle lobe. The glenion is prominent and erect.

Esta especie está cercamente relacionada al *P. inflata* Rolfe, pero el *P. pulvinaris* puede distinguirse por el más largo y angosto sín-sépalo; los pétalos más angostos; y un labelo con un par de grandes lóbulos laterales dirigidos hacia adelante y un bien desarrollado, redondo callo que llena el lóbulo central. El glenion es prominente y erecto.