

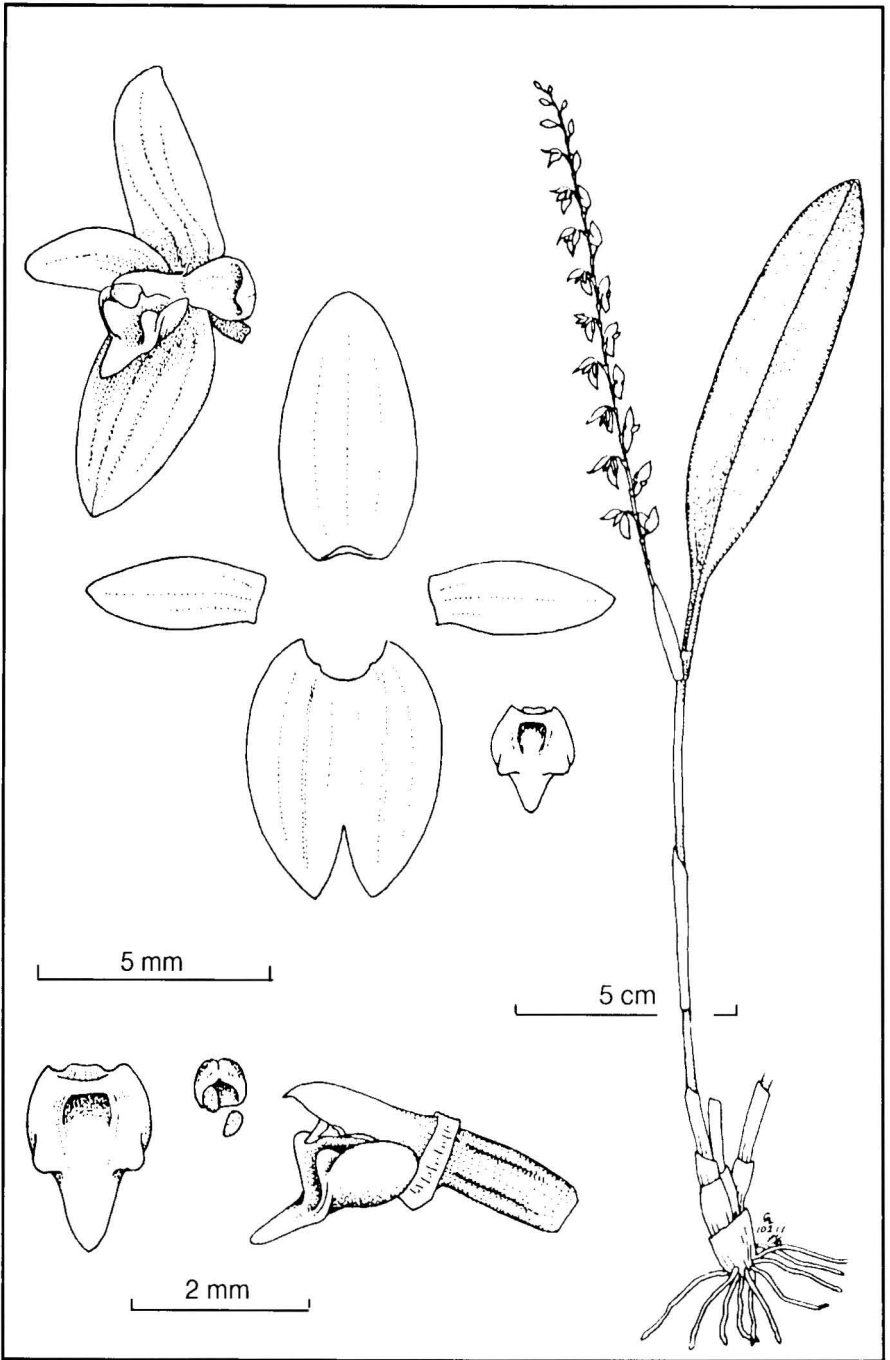
14. **PLEUROTHALLIS JURISDIXII** Luer & R. Escobar, sp. nov.

Inter species subgeneris *Crocodeilanthe* habitu mediocri gracili, racemo plurifloro erecto subsecundo folio oblongo petiolato plus minusve aequilongo, spatha angusta, sepalis petalisque obtusis et labello ovato basi concavo supra medium triangulari cum callis duibus pyramidalibus ad medium marginium distinguitur.

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ETIMOLOGIA: Nombrada por el Páramo de Jurisdicciones en la Cordillera Oriental de Colombia en el Departamento Norte de Santander.

ETYMOLOGY: Named for the Páramo de Jurisdicciones in the Eastern Cordillera of the department Norte de Santander.



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Plant medium in size for the subgenus, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender. Ramicauls erect, slender, 6-10 cm long, with a close, tubular sheath below the middle and 2-3 inflated, imbricating sheaths about the base. **Leaf** erect, coriaceous, oblong, obtuse, 7-9 cm long including a petiole 1 cm long, 1.5-2 cm wide, cuneate below into the petiole. **Inflorescence** a single, subdense, subsecund, simultaneously several-flowered raceme 10-12 cm long including the peduncle 2-3 cm long, subtended by a slender spathe 2 cm long, from an annulus 5 mm below the abscission layer; floral bracts infundibular, 2.5-3 mm long, enclosing the pedicel; pedicels 1.5-2 mm long; ovary 1.5 mm long; **sepals** light yellow-green, subcarinate, with the margins cellular, the dorsal sepal elliptical, obtuse, with the apex rounded, 5 mm long, 3 mm wide, 3-veined, essentially free from the lateral sepals, the lateral sepals in apposition, elliptical, obtuse, 3 mm long, 3.75 mm wide, 3-veined, connate 3 mm; **petals** light yellow-green with thin purple margins, oblong-elliptical, obtuse, 3.75 mm long, 1.5 mm wide, 3-veined; **lip** yellow-green with thin purple margins, ovate, 2.25 mm long, 2 mm wide, the apex triangular, narrowly rounded, the disc deeply concave between a pair of marginal pyramidal calli near the middle, the base truncate, fixed to the column-foot; **column** stout, 1.75 mm long, the foot thick, the anther, rostellum and stigma subapical.

Esta especie está relacionada con las numerosas especies afines a *P. velaticaulis* Rchb.f., pero se distingue de ellas por el hábito delicado; una hoja oblonga, peciolada; una espata delgada de dos centímetros de largo; un racimo subsecundo tan largo como la hoja; flores abiertas, lisas, con las partes florales obtusas; y un labelo ovado, cóncavo, con un par de callos piramidales marginales, y un ápice triangular.

This species is related to the numerous species allied to *P. velaticaulis* Rchb.f., but it is distinguished from them by the slender habit; an oblong, petiolate leaf; a slender spathe two centimeters long; a subsecund raceme about as long as the leaf; gaping, glabrous flowers with obtuse floral parts; and an ovate, concave lip with a pair of marginal, pyramidal calli, and a triangular apex.