

Pleurothallis tropida Luer, sp. nov.

Habitu *P. foliatae* Griseb. similis sed floribus perparvis, labello obovato infra medium tricarinato et columna apice bi-alata differt.

ETYMOLOGY : From the Latin *tropis*, "a keel," referring to the carina of the lip.

TYPE: PANAMA: COCLE : epiphytic in an old orange grove in the hills above El Valle, alt. 1000 m, 2 Sept. 1976, C. Luer & H. Butcher 1120 (HOLOTYPE: SEL).

DISTRIBUTION : Panama.

In Selbyana 3:256, 1977, a new status and combination, *P. carinilabia*, were proposed for *P. broadwayi* Ames var. *tricarinata* C. Schweinf., but a previously undescribed species was mistakenly identified as this species. Therefore, a new epithet becomes necessary for the species illustrated on page 257, figure 229, and described on page. 256.

Pleurothallis tropida differs from *P. carinilabia* (*P. broadwayi* var. *tricarinata*) by possessing a prominent basal, central carina of the lip flanked by marginal thickenings toward the base. The disc of the lip of *P. carinilabia* has a pair of oblique carinae above the middle in addition to the central carina. The column of *P. tropida* is distinctly bi-alate at the apex, whereas the column of *P. carinilabia* is wingless.