

Dracula anicula Luer & Escobar, sp. nov.

Inter species generis **Draculae** Luer species haec habitu mediocri, foliis anguste obovatis, pedunculo horizontali racemo paucifloro, ovario verrucoso, floribus successivis patentibus nutantibus, sepalis late ovatis vel suborbicularibus viridibus purpureo guttatis, petalis carinatis, epichilio aurantiaco concavo transverse oblongo distinguitur.

Plant medium in size, epiphytic, caespitose; roots coarse, fasciculate, flexuous. Secondary stems unifoliate, channeled, 2.5 - 5.3 cm long, enclosed by 2 loose, brown sheaths. Leaf erect, thinly coriaceous,



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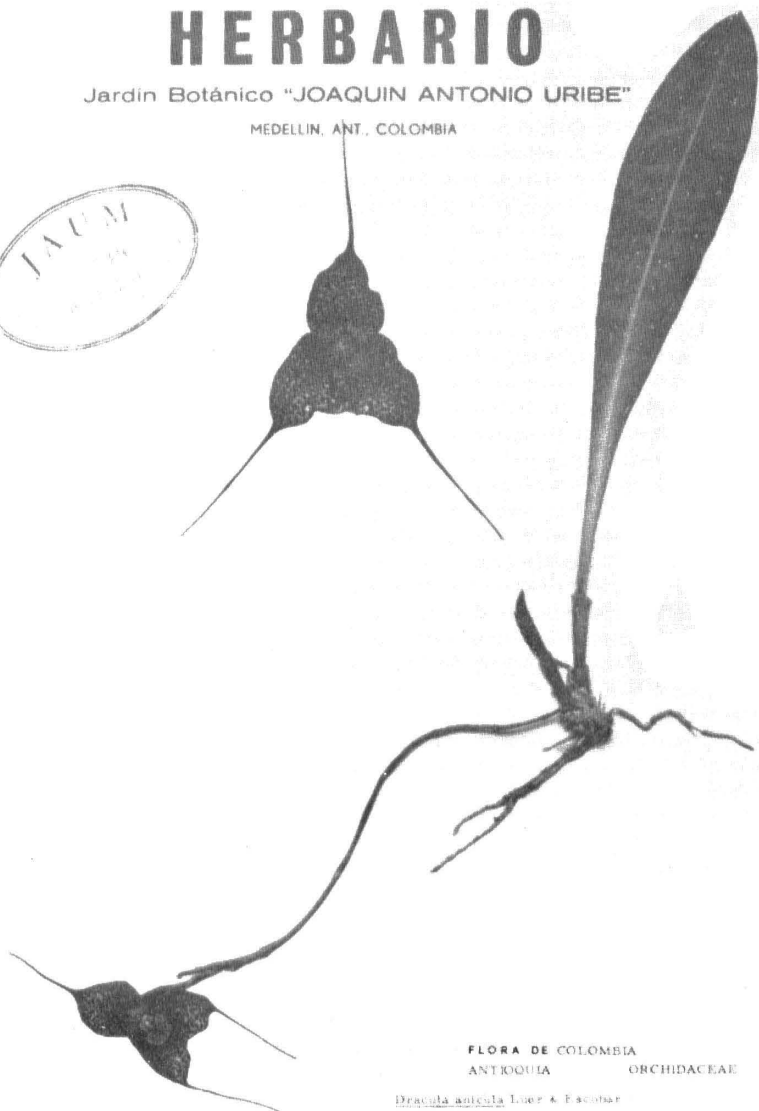
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carinate dorsally, narrowly obovate, 12 - 17 cm long, 2.7 - 3.5 cm wide, the apex subacute, tridenticulate, gradually narrowed below to the conduplicate base. Inflorescence a subcompact raceme of up to 5 successive flowers borne face-down by a more or less horizontal, green, subverrucose peduncle 9 - 15 cm long including the raceme; floral bract 10 - 11 mm long, pedicel 10 - 15 mm long; ovary purple, verrucose, 4 mm long; sepals widespread but more or less twisted, light green, dotted with purple-brown above the middle, coalescing into short, transverse bars below the middle, glabrous externally, verrucose and shortly pubescent within, the dorsal sepal broadly ovate to suborbicular, 20 - 25 mm long, 20 - 25 mm wide, connate to the lateral sepals for 6 - 8 mm to form a widespread flower, the obtuse to rounded apex abruptly contracted into an erect, brownish purple tail 2.5 - 4.5 cm long, the lateral sepals broadly ovate, 20 - 28 mm long, 26 - 30 mm wide, connate 10 - 13 mm to form a broad, shallow mentum, the obtuse apices contracted into similarly tails; petals cartilagenous, cream marked with brown, oblong 4 mm long, 1.5 mm wide, the apex verrucose between a rounded, recurved outer lamina and an acute inner lamina continued around the

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Dracula antioquiensis Loefer & Escobar

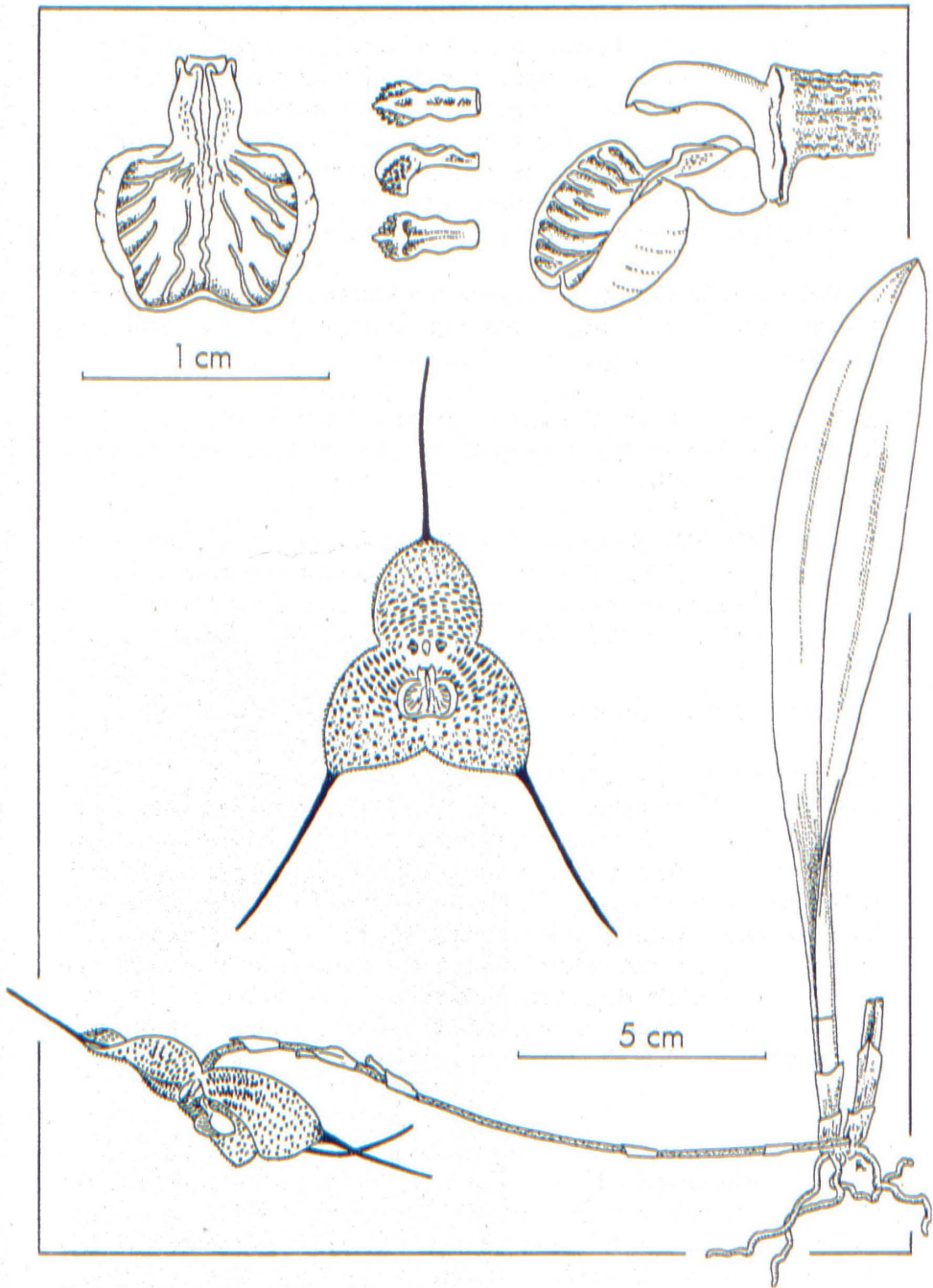
Municipio de Argelia, La Florida, alt. 1900-2100 m, recolector desconocido, 1921, cult. por M. & O. Robledo en La Ceja.

Sépalos verde claro puntuados de morado-café en la parte superior y en forma de barras transversales en las bases, caudas café-morado, pétalos crema marcados con café, labelo amarillo-naranja marcado de rojo-naranja.

Colector: R. Escobar

No. 1279 Fecha, floreció en cult. 6 Octubre 1974

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apex as a carina; lip yellow-orange marked with red-orange, spatulate, 10-11 mm long, 9 - 12 mm wide, the hypochile oblong, ca. 3.5 mm long, 3 mm wide, with erect, rounded lateral margins, cleft centrally, the concave base hinged to the column-foot, the epichile transversely oblong, ca. 6.5 mm long, 9 - 12 mm wide, concave with incurved lateral margins, coursed within by ca. 12 radiating, irregularly branching, incomplete lamellae; column yellow white, semiterete, 6 mm long, with a short, thick foot 3 mm long.

ETIMOLOGIA: Del latín: **anícula** "una pequeña viejecita", en fantástica alusión de la flor a una cara mustia de boca abierta y sin dientes.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin **anicula**, "a little old woman", in fancied allusion of the flower to a withered face with an open, endentulous mouth.

TYPE: **COLOMBIA**: Dept. of ANTIOQUIA: Munic. of Argelia, "La Florida", alt. 1900-2100 m 1973, collector unknown, cult. by M & O. Robledo at La Ceja, flowered in cult. 27 sept. 1977, **R. Escobar 1279** (HOLOTYPE: JAUM; ISOTYPE: SEL), C. Luer illustr. 1851.

DISTRIBUTION: Colombia, Central Cordillera.

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lightly twisted sepals finely spotted with purple on green and shortly pubescent and verrucose within, carinate petals, and a flexible, transversely oblong, concave red-orange lip containing several incomplete, branching lamellae,