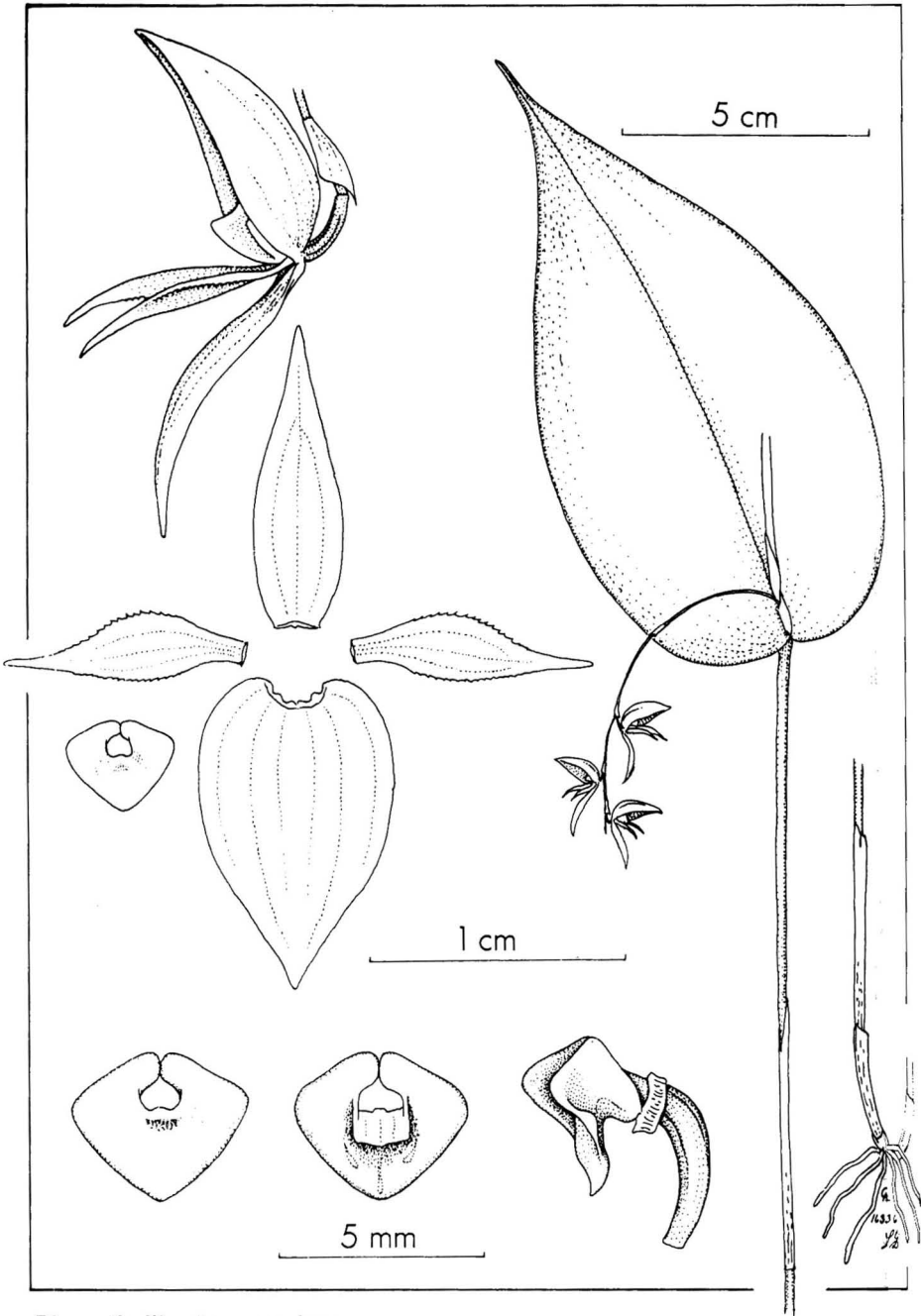


14. **PLEUROTHALLIS TORRANA** Luer, sp. nov.

Inter species subsectionis *Macrophyllae-Racemosae* ramicaulibus proliferantibus, foliis ovatis cordatis angustioribus, racemo paucifloro pendenti, petalis acuminatis serrulatis, labello subtrilobo subrhombico angulis obtusis cum lobis basalibus columnam amplectentibus.

TYPE: Colombia: Dept. of Chocó: Munic. of San José del Palmar, Cerro del Torrá, epiphytic in cloud forest above the heliport, alt. 1920-1950 m, 11 Aug. 1988, National Geographic Society grant 3884-88, *P. Silverstone-Sopkin, N. Paz, R. T. González, J. E. Ramos, L. H. Ramos & A. Henao 4334* (Holotype: CUVC; Isotype: MO), C. Luer illustr. 16336; same locality, 7 Jan. 1984, *P. Silverstone-Sopkin, N. Paz, A. Duque & H. Bayona 1605* (CUVC, MO).

ETIMOLOGIA: Nombrada por el Cerro de Torrá en donde la especie es aparentemente endémica.



Pleurothallis torrana Luer

ETYMOLOGY: Named for Cerro del Torrá where the species is apparently endemic.

Plant large, terrestrial, caespitose; roots densely fasciculate, slender. Ramicauls slender, erect, prolific, 17-35 cm long, with a tubular sheath low on the ramicaul and 2-3 others at the base. **Leaf** erect, coriaceous, ovate, slightly acuminate, acute, 13-14 cm long, 6.5-7 cm wide, the base sessile, cordate. **Inflorescence** an arching, pendent, loosely few-flowered raceme ca. 8 cm long including the peduncle 2-3 cm long, subtended by a spathe ca. 8 mm long at the base of the leaf; floral bracts 3-4 mm long; pedicels slender, 4-5 mm long; ovary 3-4 mm long; **sepals** translucent purple, glabrous, the middle sepal narrowly ovate, acute, 12 mm long, 3.75 mm wide, 3-veined, the lateral sepals connate into an ovate, acute, deeply concave uppermost synsepal, 12 mm long, 8 mm wide expanded, 6-veined; **petals** purple, glabrous, ovate, oblique, acute, acuminate serrulate, 9.5 mm long, 2.5 mm wide, 3-veined; **lip** purple, 3-lobed-subrhombic, 2.25 mm long, 4.25 mm wide across the lobes expanded, the apex and lateral lobes obtuse, with rounded basal lobes encircling the column, the disc smooth, broadly callous, with a small, transverse callus at the deflection of the short claw, deflexed below, hinged to the base of the column; **column** stout, 1.5 mm long, footless, the anther, rostellum and stigma apical.

Esta especie, aparentemente endémica en los alrededores del Cerro Torrá de la Cordillera Occidental de Colombia, pertenece a la sección *Macrophyllae-Racemosae*. Se distingue por sus prolíficos ramicaules y grandes hojas sésiles, cordatas. El racimo de pocas flores se inclina para mostrar las flores en una posición no resupinada. Los pétalos están finamente serrados. El labelo es subróbico en contorno con ángulos obtusos. Lóbulos basales redondeados envuelven la columna.

This species, a member of section *Macrophyllae-Racemosae*, is apparently endemic around the Cerro del Torrá in the Western Cordillera of Colombia. It is distinguished by the prolific ramicauls and large, cordate, sessile leaves. The few-flowered raceme droops to bear the flowers in a non-resupinate position. The petals are minutely serrate. The lip is subrhombic in outline with the angles obtuse. Rounded basal lobes surround the column.