

**Pleurothallis telamon** Luer, sp. nov.

Planta grandis epiphytica caespitose, caulibus secundariis gracilibus teretibus horizontalibus, folio pendenti lineari acuto base cordato, flore solitario successivo bilabiato, sepalo dorsali synsepaloque pallido flavo ovato subacuto, petalis linearibus scabrosis denticulatis, labello rubro ligulato.

Plant large, epiphytic, caespitose; roots slender, flexuous. Secondary stems slender, terete, purple, horizontal, unifoliate, 9-20 cm long, with a close, tubular sheath below the middle and another at the base. Leaf satiny deep green suffused with purple, pendent, coriaceous, linear-ovate, 12-21 cm long, 2.5-3.5 cm wide, the apex acute, tridenticulate, the base cordate, sessile. Inflorescence a solitary, bilabiate flower produced successively from a 5-6 mm long spathe in the cleft at the base of the leaf; peduncle ca. 5 mm long; floral bract 6-7 mm long; pedicel 8-10 mm long; ovary green, 3 mm long; sepals glabrous, light yellow, the dorsal sepal ovate, subacute, 15 mm long, 8 mm wide, 3-veined, the lateral sepals connate into an ovate, subacute lamina 13.5 mm long, 7 mm wide, 4-veined; petals light yellow, linear, oblique, acute, 11 mm long, 1.25 mm wide, minutely scabrous, with minutely denticulate margins; lip red, cellular-glandular, oblong-ligulate, 8 mm long, 3.25 mm wide, the apex rounded, the base shallowly concave with a small glenion, the disc smooth; column stout, 1.5 mm long, 2.5 mm wide, with a short, thick foot.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Greek *telamon* (τελαμων), "a strap for a sword," in allusion to the strap-like leaves.

TYPE: PANAMA: COCLÉ: epiphytic in cloud forest near El Copé, May 1977, R. L. Dressler s.n., cultivated at SEL, greenhouse acc. no. 77-2218, flowered in cult. 29 Oct. 1977, C. Luer 2112 (HOLOTYPE: SEL).

DISTRIBUTION: Panama.

This showy species of the cordate-leaved group may be identified by the large, pendent, deep green, glistening leaves suffused with purple and borne by slender, horizontal stems. The solitary gaping, light yellow flower is comparatively large with narrow, minutely scabrous petals and a comparatively large, red, oblong lip.