**Lepanthes thoerleae** is a synonym of *L. yunckeri* (Orchidaceae, Pleurothallidinae)

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The disjunct distribution of *Lepanthes thoerleae* led to its being described as a new species by Luer in 1997. The material in the protologue for Ames’s *L. yunckeri*, described in 1938, leaves no doubt that *L. thoerleae* is a collection of *L. yunckeri* from Suriname. Formerly, *L. yunckeri* was known only from Central America.

**Formal Treatment**

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**References**

