

***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

Lepanthes yunckeri Ames, Publ. Field Mus. Nat. Hist., Bot. Ser. 17: 327. 1938.

Type: Honduras: Comayagua: above Siguatepeque, on tree trunk in forest near the summit of the range above El Achote, in cloud zone, 1800 m alt., 28 Jul 1936, T.G. Yuncker, R.F. Dawson & H.R. Youse 6152 (holotype: AMES) = *Lepanthes thoerleae* Luer, Lindleyana 12(1): 39. 1997.

Type: Suriname: near Paramaribo, flowered in cultivation, 1992, OIC-10629, C. Luer 16312 (holotype: SEL!)

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