

*Pleurothallis jennydandreae* K.W. Holcomb, sp. nov.

Plant to 7.75 cm tall, epiphytic, caespitose, roots very slender.

Ramicauls to 8 cm long, very slender, suberect, enclosed by a thin tubular sheath below the middle and another at the base.

Leaf 3.75 cm long, 2 cm wide, coriaceous, cordate, acute, the base cuneate, sessile.

Inflorescence a single, successive, resupinate flower held flat against the surface of the leaf, 20 mm long, borne from a spatheaceous bract at the base of the leaf.

Labellum (Lip) 3 mm long, 2 mm wide, yellow with brown speckling, ovate with a well-developed glenion, convex, verrucose, trilobed, basal lobes rounded, constricted just above the apex forming a small callus, apex rounded.

Dorsal Sepal 13 mm long, 4 mm wide, 3-veined, yellow with brown speckling, glabrous, convex, oblong-ovate, acute.

Synsepal 7 mm long, 5 mm wide, 4-veined, yellow with brown speckling, glabrous, oblong-ovate, acute.

Petals 5 mm long, 1 mm wide, 1-veined, fleshy, yellow with brown speckling, subfalcate, descending, acute.

Column 0.5 mm long, 1 mm wide, bilobed, semiterete, the anther and transverse stigma apical.

Eponomy: Named in honor of Jennifer “Jenny” D’Andrea, a retired music educator living in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Miss D, as she is affectionately called by her students, is also a mentor and dear friend of the author.

COLOMBIA: Without collection data. *K.W. Holcomb 18314 (Holotype: GEO)*.

This diminutive species has circulated in the trade incorrectly identified as *Pleurothallis crucifera* (Luer & Hirtz 1996) for over a decade. However, *Pleurothallis jennydandreae* is easily distinguished by the following morphological characteristics:

- ovate, convex lip
- short, fleshy, downturned petals
- convex dorsal sepal which is almost twice as long as the synsepal



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Photos taken of the plant used to prepare the holotype material.

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