

DIODONOPSIS

Diodonopsis Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, **gen. nov.**

TYPE: *Masdevallia pygmaea* Kränzl., *Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg., Beih.* 34: 92. 1925. [*Diodonopsis pygmaea* (Kränzl.) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase]

A *Masdevallia* Ruiz & Pav. ovario carinato echinato vel papilloso differt.

Masdevallia erinacea is one of five species in *M.* subgenus *Masdevallia* sect. *Pygmaeae* (Luer, 1986b), distinguished from most other species of *Masdevallia* by possessing carinate and echinate or papillose ovaries. In the large ITS study (Fig. 3), *M. erinacea* is sister to *Dracula-Masdevallia-Porroglossum*; it and its relatives warrant generic status if *Masdevallia* is to remain monophyletic.

ETYMOLOGY: From *Diodon*, the generic name of the porcupinefish, and *-opsis*, relating to appearance, in allusion to the echinate or papillose ovary.

Diodonopsis anachaeta (Rchb.f.) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, **comb. nov.**

Basionym: *Masdevallia anachaeta* Rchb.f., *Otia Bot. Hamb.* 1: 17. 1878.

Diodonopsis erinacea (Rchb.f.) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, **comb. nov.**

Basionym: *Masdevallia erinacea* (Rchb.f.), *Linnaea* 41: 11. 1877.

Diodonopsis hoeijeri (Luer & Hirtz) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, **comb. nov.**

Basionym: *Masdevallia hoeijeri* Luer & Hirtz, *Lindleyana* 1: 184. 1986.

Diodonopsis pterygiophora (Luer & R.Escobar) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, **comb. nov.**

Basionym: *Masdevallia pterygiophora* Luer & R.Escobar, *Lindleyana* 3: 50. 1988.

Diodonopsis pygmaea (Kränzl.) Pridgeon & M.W.Chase, **comb. nov.**

Basionym: *Masdevallia pygmaea* Kränzl., *Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg., Beih.* 34: 92. 1925.