



ELLEANTHUS CONDORENSIS

Dodson

7. **ELLEANTHUS CONDORENSIS** Dodson, sp. nov.

Orig. coll.: Ecuador: Zamora-Chinchipec: Road from Los Encuentros to Río Machinaza in northwestern portion of the Cordillera del Cóndor, 1500 m, 19 May 1988, Hirtz 3799 (RPSC holotype).

Similis *Elleanthi fractiflexi* Schltr., a quo differt foliis multo latoribus, inflorescentiis fere aequantibus folia apicalia et solum leviter fractiflexis.

ETIMOLOGIA: Llamada por la Cordillera del Cóndor, localidad de la recolección del espécimen tipo.

ETYMOLOGY: Named for the Cordillera del Condor, locality of the collection of the type specimen.

Plants epiphytic, to 25 cm tall. Stems erect, unbranched, leafless for the lower half, 5- to 7-foliolate above. Leaves variable in size and shape, coriaceous, narrowly ovate-elliptic, subacuminate, apex minutely 3-lobed, mucronate, to 5 x 1 cm. Inflorescence terminal, loosely 5- to 7-flowered, racemose with a fractiflex, furfuraceous, rachis, up to 1.5 cm long. Bracts distichous, horizontally spreading, glumaceous, long-acuminate, glabrous, basal bracts longer than the flowers, apical shorter, to 1.5 cm long, green. Flowers white, outer surface sparsely furfuraceous. Dorsal sepal oblong, acute at the thickened apex, to 7 x 2 mm; lateral sepals obliquely oblong-obovate, thickened toward the acute apex, to 7 x 3 mm. Petals oblong-spatulate, obtuse at the apex, erose around the apical margin. Lip from a shallowly saccate base, flabellate, rounded in front, margins erose-denticulate, with a pair of oblong-globose corpuscles that are well-separated and located in the mid portion of the saccate base, with a thickened, low lamellae extending forward from the apex of each corpuscle and becoming thicker toward the rounded apex, the whole lip to 9 x 9 mm. Column slender, somewhat arcuate upward at the midpoint, with a shallow wing on each side that terminates in a rounded flange on each side of the anther, the apex of the column not extended to form a hood, to 6 mm long. Ovary terete, sparsely hispidulous, to 5 mm long.

NOTAS: Esta especie es similar a *Elleanthus fractiflexus* Schltr. pero difiere en las hojas más anchas y estrechamente ovadas, las inflorescencias son

aproximadamente iguales a las hojas apicales, y el raquis es sólo ligeramente fractiflexo.

NOTES: This species is similar to *Eleocharis fractiflexus* Schltr. but differs in the much wider, narrowly ovate leaves, the inflorescences about equal to the apical leaves, and the rachis only slightly fractiflex.