



**EPIDENDRUM LAGENOCOLUMNA** Hágster & L. Sánchez

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*EPIDENDRUM LAGENOCOLUMNA* Hágster et L. Sánchez, sp. nov.

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*Epidendro firmo* Rchb. f. simile, sed differt plantis majoribus, foliis ellipticis, floribus 4-8, lobis lateralibus labelli semiorbicularibus, lobo mediano retuso, callis subovatis, rotundatis, columnae basi inflata, et clinandrio eroso vel dentato.

Hierba epífita, caespitosa, 15-45 cm de alto. Raíces basales, carnosas, 1-2 mm de grosor. Tallos sencillos, tipo caña, teretes, ligeramente flexuosos, 11-40 cm de largo. Hojas 4-15, distribuidas a lo largo del tallo; vaina tubular, lisa; lámina angostamente elíptica, ápice asimétricamente bilobado, margen entero, subcoriácea, lisa, verde claro a oscuro, 2-8 x 0.8-2 cm. Inflorescencia terminal en el tallo maduro, florece una sola vez, séil, subumbelada. Bráctea floral mucho más corta que el ovario, 3-8 mm de largo. Flores 4-8, simultáneas, resupinadas, con fragancia nocturna débil, dulce, recuerda a la del "Huele de noche" (*Cestrum* spp.), color verde brillante, el labelo ligeramente translúcido. Ovario no inflado, terete, no ornamentado, 30-45 mm de largo. Sépalos subcoriáceos, libres, glabros. Sépalo dorsal elíptico-ob lanceolado, agudo-redondeado, fuertemente reflexo, márgenes enteros, revolutos, 3-nerviado, 13-18 x 4-5.5 mm. Sépalos laterales extendidos, elíptico-ob lanceolados, ligeramente falcados, agudos, márgenes enteros, revolutos, 3-nerviados con 4 nervios secundarios, 13-18 x 4-6 mm. Pétalos membranáceos, angostamente linear-ob lanceolados, redondeados a obtusos, márgenes enteros, extendidos, 1-nerviados, 13-17 x 0.8-1.3 mm. Labelo unido a la columna, trilobado, bicalloso, los callos subovados, redondeados, engrosado en el centro formando una carina muy baja, 9-10 x 12-14 mm; lóbulos laterales semiorbiciales, márgenes enteros; lóbulo medio subcuadrangular, ápice retuso. Columna arqueada en el tercio apical, inflada en la base, 12-15 mm de largo. Clinandrio prominente, obconico, margen eroso a dentado. Antera ovoide, 4-locular. Polinios 4, obovoides, lateralmente comprimidos, subiguales; caudículas suaves y granulosas, semejantes en longitud a los polinios; viscidio viscoso, translúcido. Rostelo apical, hendido. Lóbulos laterales del estigma prominentes, de 1/4 del largo de la cavidad estigmática. Nectario poco profundo, penetrando ligeramente el ovario, no ornamentado. Cápsula no vista.

Epiphytic, caespitose herb. Stems simple, somewhat flexuous, terete. Leaves 4-15, narrowly elliptic, apices unequally bilobed, subcoriaceous. Inflorescence terminal, flowers only once, subumbellate, sessile. Flowers 4-8, simultaneous, resupinate, delicately and sweetly fragrant at night. Ovary not inflated. Sepals subcoriaceous, glabrous, free, the dorsal strongly reflexed, the laterals spreading. Dorsal sepal elliptic-ob lanceolate, acute to rounded, margins entire, revolute, 3-veined. Lateral sepals elliptic-ob lanceolate, somewhat falcate, acute, margins entire, revolute, 3-veined with 4 secondary veins. Petals membranaceous, narrowly linear-ob lanceolate, obtuse to rounded, margins entire, spreading, 1-veined. Lip united to the column, 3-lobed, bicallose, the calli subovate, rounded; lateral lobes semiorbicular, margin entire; midlobe subquadangular, retuse. Column arcuate, inflated at the base. Clinandrium prominent, obconical, margin erose to dentate. Anther ovoid, unornamented, 4-celled. Polinia 4, obovoid, laterally compressed, subequal; caudicles soft and granulose, as long as the pollinia; viscidium viscous, translucent. Rostellum apical, slit. Lateral stigma lobes prominent. Nectary short, slightly penetrating the ovary.

OTHER SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA: Alfaro s.n., Alfaro 25, US! Brenes 569(7), AMES! Dodson 2428, SEL! Goméz s.n., CR! Hágster et al. 8333, AMO! BR! F! NY! PMA! 8334, AMO! Smith H-587, AMES! Puntarenas: Hágster et al. 7065, AMO! MICH! Alajuela: Chacón 305, AMO! 469, AMO! Dwyer 1369, CR! Smith 474, SEL! San José: Standley 43080, AMES! Todzia & Pohl 1931, CR! NY! Guanacaste: Hágster et al. 9451, AMO! K! P! Cartago: Standley 41505, AMES! Standley & Valerio 49565, AMES! HONDURAS: Cortés: Yuncker 4841, AMES! NICARAGUA: Heller s.n., SEL! Nueva Segovia: Heller 10471 (voucher of the illustration and description published by Hamer, 1985, as *Neolehmannia curvicolumna* [A.H.S.] Hamer), SEL! Matagalpa: Guzman et al. 235, MO! Jinotega: Guzman et al. 236, MO!

DISTRIBUTION AND ECOLOGY: Known from Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Epiphyte, in humid montane forest from 400 to 2500 m altitude. Flowering from April to November.

RECOGNITION: *Epidendrum lagenocolumna* is a member of the *E. difforme* Jacq. complex, and can be recognized by the large plants with elliptic leaves, lip 3-lobed with two subovate, rounded calli, semiorbicular lateral lobes, subquadangular, retuse midlobe, and column inflated at the base, with the nectary unusually wide. It is closely related to *E. firmum* Rchb. f., which has smaller plants with narrow elliptic to lanceolate leaves, 2-4 flowers, semiovate lateral lobes of the lip, divergent, acute calli, fimbriate clinandrium, and the base of the column not inflated.

CONSERVATION STATUS: Probably not threatened. It is a common species.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Greek *láginos*, a flask or jug, in reference to the swelling at the base of the column.

REFERENCE: Hamer, F. 1985. *Neolehmannia curvicolumna* (A.H.S.) Hamer. Icon. Pl. Trop. 13: pl. 1237.



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