

**Maxillaria Valenzuelana** (A. Rich.)

*Pleurothallis Valenzuelana* A. Rich. in Sagra, Hist. Cuba **11** : 234  
1850.

*Dicrypta iridifolia* Batem. ; Loud. Hort. Brit. Sec. Add. Suppl.  
630. 1839. Name only.

*Maxillaria iridifolia* Reichenb. f. Bonplandia **2** : 16. 1854.

On tree trunk, Cartago, *no.* 53. Cogniaux (Mart. Fl. Bras.  
**3**<sup>6</sup> : 78) gives the distribution of this plant as extending from Brazil  
to Colombia and Cuba. Its discovery in Costa Rica therefore ex-  
tends the range to the continent of North America.

As indicated above in the synonymy, the first name applied to  
this plant is a nomen nudum ; the origin of the plant was attrib-  
uted to Trinidad. The first adequately published name seems to  
have been *Pleurothallis Valenzuelana*, described from Vuelta de  
Abajo, western Cuba. Reichenbach, *l. c.*, states that his plant  
came from Cuhobas, Cuba, and indicates that it was collected  
by Pöppig. Pöppig employed his time as a botanical collector  
and physician, his botanical activities being principally confined to  
Matanzas and S. Elena, near Cahoba and the territory to the south  
and the southwest (Urban, Symb. Ant. **1** : 130). The type  
locality of this plant is, therefore, whether one adopt the name of  
Richard or that of Reichenbach, western Cuba.