

Stenia jarae D. Bennett, *sp. nov.* TYPE: PERU. Department of Huanuco. Province of Leoncio Prado: Bella; Cueva de Las Lechuzas, 900 m, *E. Jara sub Bennett 4711-3* (Holotype: USM). Fig. 2.

Species *Steniae pallidae* Lind. similis, sed labello ungue cuneato, costa media carinata apice semiobovato dividente callo cum tribus dentibus apicalibus in quoque latere, columna curvissima differt.

Epiphyte, caespitose, without pseudobulbs. **Rhizome** short. **Roots** fleshy. **Leaves** dark green, narrow to broadly oblanceolate, lightly oblique, abruptly acute at obtuse apex, attenuate below to the conduplicate, petiolate base, mid-vein sharply carinate, to 12 x 5 cm or narrower, articulated to sheath base. **Inflorescence** 1-flowered, basal, 1 to several borne successively; **scape** to 6-7 cm, slender, terete, with 3 basal, tubular, thin, membranaceous loose, bracts; subtending **floral bract** 2-parted, shorter than the

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ovary. **Dorsal sepal** very pale greenish yellow with 11-13 indistinct pale green veins, **lateral sepals** pale cream yellow, **petals** very pale greenish yellow, **lip** cream yellow with pale chestnut brown spots on the interior surface, **column** pale green below with longitudinally aligned, dark brown, short streaks and spots, apex turning white, **anther** ivory white. **Dorsal sepal** 1.8 x 0.85 cm, concave, margins bent upward lightly, broader above the middle, cuneate below, apex acute; **lateral sepals** 2.1 x 1.0 cm, 11 nerves, oblique, ovate-elliptic, acute; **petals** 2.0 x 0.8 cm oblong-elliptic, obtuse; **lip** 1.65 cm long, base saccate, subglobose, complicate and tapered toward the apex, a thick mid-vein extends from near the base becoming an elevated carinate ridge at the semiobovate apex dividing the transverse callus having three prominent teeth on each side, the outer margins simply irregular, the claw cuneate; **column** 2.2 x 0.4 cm, markedly curved, winged near or below the middle, narrowing below to the foot; **anther** 0.45 to 0.25 cm, with a narrow triangular tip; **pollinarium** 0.6 cm long, the **stipe** linear, **pollinia** in two unequal pairs.

ETYMOLOGY: Named in honor of Sr. Enrique Jara who discovered this species.

ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS EXAMINED: PERU. Huanuco. Leoncio Prado: near Las Palmas, 1000 m, 20 Dec 1989, *E. Jara sub Bennett 4711-1 and 4711-2* (USM).

This species is distinguished from *Stenia pallida* Lindley by having a thick, apically carinate, central rib. It divides the transverse callus, each side having 3 teeth and an irregular, low, distally free margin.