

Stenia wendiae D. E. Benn. & Christenson,
sp. nov. (Fig. 17)

TYPE: PERU. Dept. Junin: Chanchamayo, sector Chipas of the San Vicente mine, 1800 m, 10 Dec 1992, *O. del Castillo ex D. Bennett 5968* (HOLOTYPE: NY).

Species haec *S. steniodi* (Garay) Dodson & R. Escobar similis sed labello minori et carina basali alta differt.

Caespitose, acaulous epiphytes with fan-

shaped growths. *Leaves* obovate, rounded, carinate, conduplicate, petiolate, $6.5\text{--}8.3 \times 2.3\text{--}2.9$ cm, articulated to conduplicate, imbricating sheaths. *Inflorescences* pendent, axillary scapes, the peduncle with a solitary, basal, lanceolate, close bract. *Flowers* campanulate, pale semitranslucent green, the labellum white, tinged green towards the base with dark purple spots on the concave center. *Sepals* subsimilar, subequal, broadly elliptic, concave, apiculate, 1.5×1.0 cm. *Petals* oblique, very broadly obovate-elliptic, shortly acute, 1.5×1.2 cm. *Labellum* small, 0.5×0.57 cm when expanded, 3-lobed, cuneate, the column foot and claw folded into a high arch with a distinctive pointed tip, the lateral lobes erect, semiorbicular, broadly rounded, the midlobe much smaller, transverse, subtruncate, acute, the basal callus vertical, complanate, the transverse calli carinate, terminating in a prominent free tooth toward the middle, continuous with a central, low transverse ridge across the middle. *Column* thick, lightly arcuate, elliptic when seen from below, concave, basally papillose, the foot thick, recurved. *Anther* 21×19 mm, the pollinia 4 in 2 unequal, claviform, complanate, arcuate pairs, $0.9\text{--}1.2 \times 0.5\text{--}0.6$ mm, the stipe shortly cleft, the viscidium lanceolate.

Etymology: Named to honor Wendy de von Bismarck who has shared with the first author and his wife memorable collecting trips and decades of true friendship.

Habitat: Wet, lower cloud forest. Flowering from February through April.

PARATYPE: Same locality as the holotype, *O. del Castillo* ex D. Bennett 5967 (USM).

Stenia wendiae is distinguished from all other species of *Stenia* by the broadly elliptic sepals and petals, the 3-lobed, atypically transverse labellum, the claw replicated with a long pointed, antrorse tip, the column base and foot papillose, and the stipe margins shortly cleft.