

A REVISION OF THE GENUS *TRICHOCENTRUM* (ORCHIDACEAE: ONCIDIINAE)¹

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ABSTRACT: A taxonomic revision of the genus *Trichocentrum* is presented. The history of the genus is highlighted and phylogenetic relationships are discussed. Twenty-three species are recognized, pertaining to seven natural groups. Characters of each group are discussed and keys to groups and species are included. Two new species, *T. estrellense* and *T. wagneri*, are described.

THE DISCOVERY of the first species of *Trichocentrum* predates its formal description by some 50 years. It was found by Hipólito Ruiz and José Pavón during the Spanish *Expedición Botánica* of 1777–1788 to the vice-kingdom of Peru (now Peru and Chile). A plate of what would later be described as *Trichocentrum pulchrum* Poepp. & Endl., by Isidro de Gálvez, second illustrator of the expedition, is kept at Royal Botanic Garden of Madrid under the name *Orchis punctata* (Real Jardín Botánico, IV, 1252). This watercolor well illustrates the habit of the species and has a floral detail showing the column and the spurred lip with pedicel. Though it bears no date, the plate was most likely completed before March 1778 when Gálvez left Lima and returned to Spain together with Ruiz and Pavón. Unfortunately this plate, as well as most of the drawings intended for Ruiz and Pavón's *Flora Peruviana et Chilensis*, was never published; only three volumes of the projected series of twenty were printed between 1798 and 1802 (Cabello Martín et al., 1988).

Eduard Friedrich Poeppig and Stephan Ladislaus Endlicher proposed the genus *Trichocentrum* in 1837 based on a flowering plant Poeppig collected in Peru in 1830 near Pampayacu in northern Huánuco province along the eastern slopes of Cordillera Central. In 1881 Bentham assigned the genus to subtribe Oncidiinae, encompassing only

New World genera. Later Schlechter (1926) divided the genera of Bentham's Oncidiinae into twelve different subtribes; *Trichocentrum* was referred to subtribe Trichocentreae on account of its spurred lip, excavated stigma and the absence of a column foot. In Schlechter's posthumous classification this subtribe appears closely related to Compertieae, from which it may be easily separated on the basis of the free lateral sepals and the lack of any appendages at the base of the lip (Schlechter, 1926). This classification was largely followed by Schweinfurth (1959). Dressler and Dodson (1960) restored subtribe Oncidiinae (*sensu* Bentham), dividing it into three major alliances; *Trichocentrum* was placed in the *Oncidium* complex. Dressler (1981), examining phylogenetic relationships within Oncidiinae, considered the spur of *Trichocentrum* primitive for the subtribe, and stressed the close relationships of *Trichocentrum* with the so-called "rat-tail" *Oncidium* section *Cebolleta* and "mule-ear" *Oncidium*s, *Oncidium* section *Plurituberculata*, and proposed these two sections may be separated as the genus *Lophiaris* Raf. Williams and Dressler (ined., cited in Dressler, 1981) suggested that the whole *Oncidium* complex evolved from a common *Trichocentrum*-like ancestor, the tabula infrastigmatica being derived from a partial fusion of the lip with the column base, as in *Trichocentrum*.

Chase (1986, 1986b) proposed a new realignment of the oncidoid genera based on a series of previously overlooked and/or underutilized floral and vegetative characters, including chromosome number and life history. In this preliminary scheme *Trichocentrum* is considered to be an

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anomalous genus. The unique combination of floral features, vegetative morphology and low chromosome numbers ($2n=24, 28$) suggest an evolutionary path independent from other oncioid orchids. However, the convex structure of *Trichocentrum* stipe is also represented in Oncidiinae in *Oncidium* sections *Cebolleta* and *Plurituberculata*. This shared character, together with a low chromosome count, vegetative architecture (i.e. pseudobulb reduction), and site preferences (i.e. eliophytism) seems to support Dressler's hypothesis that placed *Trichocentrum* close to *Oncidium* sections *Cebolleta* and *Plurituberculata* (Dressler, 1981). A recent study by Chase and Palmer (1992), using chloroplast DNA (cpDNA) restriction sites of the Oncidiinae, effectively reduces the gap between the two schemes of phyletic relationships. As suggested by Dressler (1981), *Trichocentrum* is assigned to the *Lophiaris* clade, but on the basis of its low chromosome number, it now occupies a derived position within the group. Based on these findings, Dressler (1993) treated *Trichocentrum* as a subgroup of section *Plurituberculata*. If this clade were elevated to the rank of genus, *Trichocentrum* would have priority over *Lophiaris* (Dressler, 1993). The genus *Lophiaris*, however, was recently resurrected by Braem (1993) applying it only to the species of *Oncidium* section *Plurituberculata*, with the exception of *Oncidium splendidum* A. Rich. Braem (1993) did not refer the species of *Oncidium* sect. *Cebolleta* to *Lophiaris* based on differences in vegetative habit and pollinarium morphology.

Trichocentrum, as circumscribed herein, includes some 23 species of epiphytic plants found from southern Mexico to Brazil, Bolivia and Peru. The generic name *Trichocentrum* refers to the presence of a slender and flexuous spur (from the Greek words *trichos*, hair, and *kentron*, spur), a feature characteristic of *T. pulchrum* and its close relatives. However, only half of the *Trichocentrum* species currently recognized fit this generic concept. The other species vary greatly in spur morphology, presenting a short and gibbose, pluri-lobulate, saccate, or clavate spur. Differences in spur shape are consistently associated with gross floral and micromorphological traits. An attempt to group the different taxa on the basis of such unique sets of shared floral features is supported by their geographic distribution that shows at least four major patterns (Fig. 3, 7, 10, 12).

Evolution of the spur in Subtribe Oncidiinae

In spite of the unique habit it shares with members of the *Lophiaris* clade, *Trichocentrum* presents a radically different floral morphology and its pollination is carried out by fragrance-collecting euglossine bees (van der Pijl and Dodson, 1966), whereas the *Lophiaris* clade has evolved deceit pollination. Furthermore, the spur of *Trichocentrum*, a non-functional nectary involving only labellum tissue, is unique among the Oncidiinae. The papillose-hirsute internal walls of the spur in some *Trichocentrum* species (Pupulin & Mora-Retana, 1994) is also a unique feature in the subtribe. A labellar spur is common in many vandoid genera, mainly in Angraecinae and Aerangidinae and in their Neotropical relatives (*Campylocentrum* and *Dendrophylax*), and is found in members of Cyrtopodiinae (*Galeandra*), but it represents an exception among the Oncidiinae, if not among the whole tribe Maxillarieae (*sensu* Dressler, 1993). A labellar nectar cavity is present in *Leochilus*, *Goniochilus* and *Ionopsis*, but this cavity is merely a receptacle to collect the nectar secreted by the column, and it is perhaps primitive in the rodriguezoid group. Also the presence of a tubular spur is not uncommon in the Oncidiinae, and it can be found in many genera such as *Rodriguezia*, *Comparettia*, *Diadenium*, and *Plectrophora*. A somewhat rudimentary cavity is also present in the distant genus *Brachtia*, strictly related to the *Ada*, *Brassia* and *Aspasia* complex. In Oncidiinae genera, however, the spur is mainly formed by the partial fusion of lip base and lateral sepals, while columnar tissue may sometimes produce one or more "horns" within the sepals cavity, as in the case of *Comparettia*, *Scelochilus*, *Diadenium* and other rodriguezoid genera. A somewhat complete and graduate succession of nectary shapes can be observed in Oncidiinae, from the simple nectar cavity of *Leochilus*, *Goniochilus* and *Ionopsis*, through the tubular nectar cavity of *Plectrophora* to the tubular nectar spur with lip-column "horns" of *Comparettia*, *Rodriguezia*, *Scelochilus*, etc. (Fig. 1). The characteristic spur of *Trichocentrum*, derived of labellum tissue alone, is unique among strictly Neotropical orchids. Recent molecular studies (Chase and Palmer, 1992) highlight the different origin of the *Trichocentrum* spur, grouping together all the "spurred" Onci-

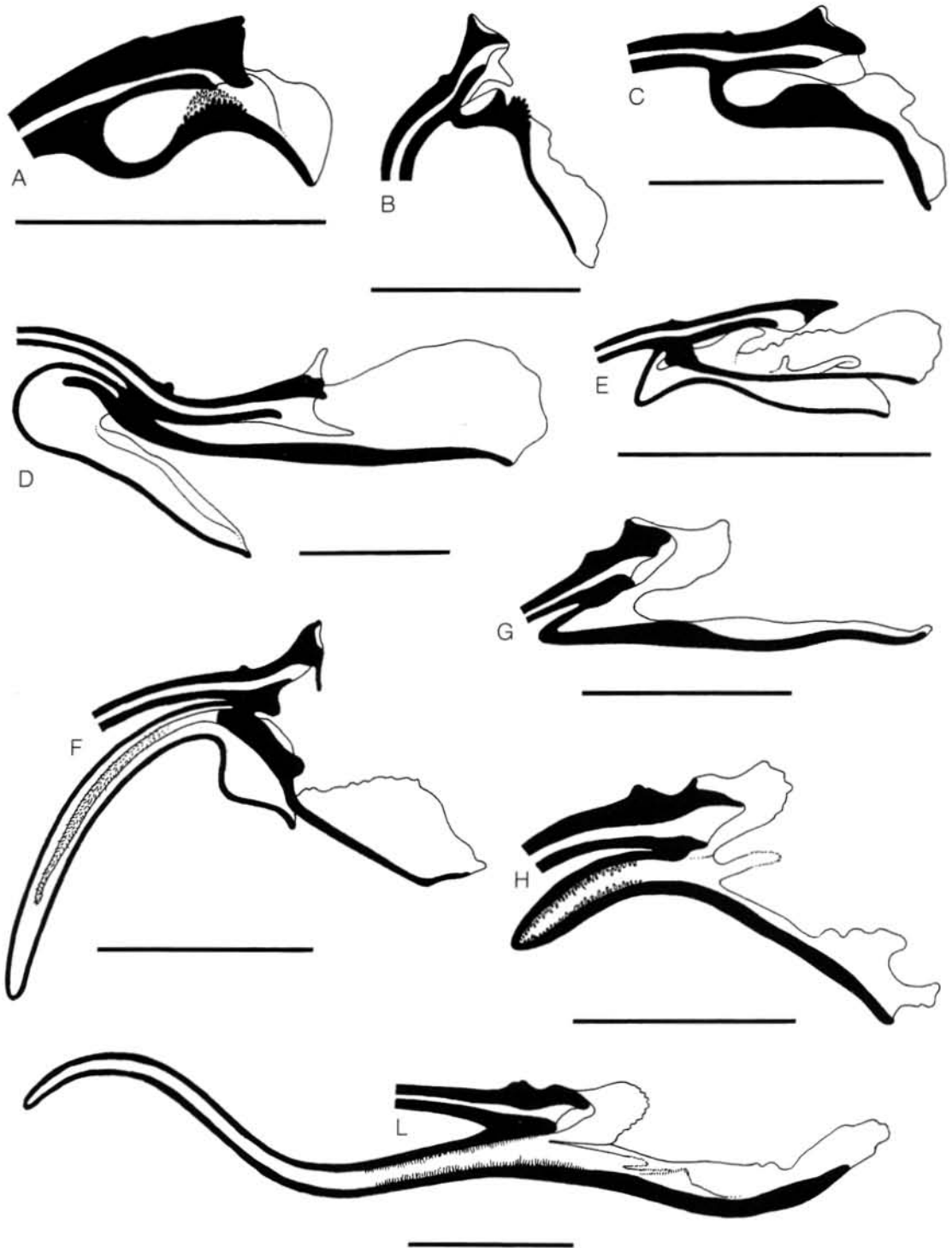


Fig. 1. Longitudinal section of column, lip and lateral sepals in some "spurred" Oncidiinae. **A.** *Brachtia sulfurea*, Venezuela (from Dunsterville & Garay, 1979); **B.** *Leochilus tricuspoidatus*, Costa Rica (adapted from Chase, 1986b); **C.** *Goniochilus leochilinus*, Costa Rica (*F. Pupulin* 171); **D.** *Rodriguezia compacta*, Costa Rica (*F. Pupulin* s.n.); **E.** *Scelochilus paraguensis*, Venezuela (adapted from Dunsterville & Garay, 1979); **F.** *Comparettia speciosa*, Brazil (cult. A. Wagner s.n.); **G.** *Trichocentrum candidum*, Guatemala (*O. Mittelstaedt* s.n.); **H.** *Trichocentrum dianthum*, Costa Rica (*F. Pupulin* 20); **I.** *Trichocentrum fuscum*, Brazil (*Seidel* s.n.). Bars = 1 cm.

diinae into a unique *Rodriguezia* clade (mainly composed by twig-epiphytes), with the unique exception of *Trichocentrum*, that the authors consider, phylogenetically, an artificial genus. I hope a revision of *Trichocentrum* may contribute to better understand its relationships with the main *corpus* of the Oncidiinae and *Lophiaris* complex. In spite of a certain number of common features, *Trichocentrum* species in fact present very different traits, and some of these characters may prove useful to recognize the occurrence of several, different natural groups within the genus.

Characters used in groups and species delimitation

Habit and size—Species of *Trichocentrum* have a generally similar habit and are extremely variable with respect to plant size. Gross differences in size do exist among different groups of taxa (i.e., plants of *Trichocentrum candidum* group are generally smaller than taxa pertaining to *Trichocentrum fuscum* group). However, the size of individual plants can be excessively influenced by environmental elements, and the great variation within populations results in size being of no practical utility for taxonomic purposes.

Roots—*Trichocentrum* species share the same basic root structure which is typical of the subtribe, with long pericyclic cells, a broad-celled cortex, a thin layer of endodermis cells and 3–4 layers of velamen cells. Major variations are associated to the thickness of the cortex, resulting in different root diameters, that can vary from 0.8 to 1.9 mm. Such a difference, however, is chiefly consistent within well defined species complexes, and the character has but a little practical value in delimiting species.

Pseudobulbs—*Trichocentrum* pseudobulbs are very small, usually less than 0.5 cm in diameter, and vary in shape from subglobose to elliptical-ovate to cylindrical. The latter type is generally longer, being sometimes 1.0 cm long. Variations in pseudobulb size, however, appear to be consistently associated to the dimension of the apical leaf, thus resulting of no value in species delimitation.

Leaves—Leaf shape, coloration and thickness are variable characters in most of *Trichocentrum* species. As a general rule, *T. tigrinum* and some other species show leaf adaptation to eliohytism (i.e., red-purple pigmentation) or hydric stress,

whereas leaves of most of the species are typical of shadow-growing, moist dependent epiphytes. Although such differences have been used to delimit species (Reichenbach, 1876; Rolfe, 1893; Beckner, 1961; Schweinfurth, 1945), variations in these characters are mainly dependent on environmental elements and may also vary within individuals.

Inflorescence—Most *Trichocentrum* species present successive inflorescences producing three to many flowers over a long period. In many cases, if pollination does not take place along the principal axis of the inflorescence, racemes may freely branch becoming paniculate, but *T. caloceras* also show primarily paniculate inflorescence. Single-flowering inflorescences are not uncommon in South American taxa. Simultaneous, two-flowered, sometimes multi-branched inflorescences can be found in some species complexes; a multiflowered and simultaneous inflorescence type has been also recorded (Schweinfurth, 1946). Though generally ignored, inflorescence type and number of flowers are useful characters to distinguish species.

Ovary—Most of *Trichocentrum* species possess terete to subclavate ovaries, with the exception of the species closely related with *Trichocentrum pulchrum*, that can be easily distinguished from *Trichocentrum fuscum* group on the basis of their unique triquetrous ovary.

Sepals and petals—Differences in shape and size of the sepals and petals have been used in differentiating species (Lindley, 1850; Reichenbach, 1883; Schlechter, 1923). Flowers of *Trichocentrum* generally bear similar sepals and petals, varying in shape from elliptic to linear-elliptic to elliptic-obovate. Tepals vary in length from 5 mm to about 30 mm. Spreading or closed sepals and petals permit to delimit some taxa. Size differences among species can be observed and utilized in delimiting species complexes, but the strong dependence of flower size on environmental elements reduces the practical value of this character for species delimitation.

Labellum—Shape and ornamentation of the labellum are some of the most useful characters to distinguish groups and species within *Trichocentrum*. Labellum morphology has been extensively used in the classification of the genus (Reichenbach, 1876; Kränzlin, 1897; Lindley, 1850; Schlechter, 1923; Garay, 1970; Pupulin, 1994; Pupulin

& Mora-Retana, 1994), and differences among taxa are sufficiently consistent to assume practical value in species delimitation. General shape of the lip, shape and number of the basal calli, presence or absence of lateral lobes, degree of apical and lateral margins of the labellum were used in the present analysis.

Spur—The length of the spur has been used to distinguish similar taxa (Rolfe, 1894, 1913; Teuscher, 1961), but this sole character proved to be rarely critic in distinguishing species pertaining to the same group. Shape characters that proved to be useful in delimitation of species complexes include lobulate, cylindric, and clavate spurs. Also the indumentum of the internal walls of the spur may be utilized to distinguish groups of taxa. On the contrary, number of spur lobes in taxa presenting lobulate spurs has not practical value in differentiating species, and many observations confirmed the variability of this character also within different flowers on the same inflorescence. Although some early workers emphasized the grade of spur sinuosity in long-spurred taxa as a diagnostic character (Lindley, 1843; 1854; Reichenbach, 1883), the great variability of this character within populations results of unpractical value for taxonomic work.

Column—Apart from a few cases (Reichenbach, 1854; 1869; 1881; 1883), morphological characters of the column have been largely neglected in delimiting species concepts within *Trichocentrum*. Columnar characters contributed to the delimitation of some taxa in this treatment. *Trichocentrum* species generally share the same basic structure of the gynostemium, with a short, stout, winged column and a broad stigma, but the wings may show considerably differences between closely related taxa. Useful characters include presence or absence of glandular appendages at the column apex, shape, color and margins of the wings.

Anther—Indumentum type of the operculum is a consistent character and it has been used in this treatment to delimit species within some groups.

Pollinarium—Although generally ignored in species descriptions, pollinarium characters may prove to be useful in delimiting different taxa within the genus. The main differences in pollinarium involve stipe morphology and the degree of movement after it is removed from the column. These include the grade of reflexion of distal mar-

gins and the placement of pollinia in various positions. Such characters were not used here to distinguish different taxa because of the limited information available on the pollinarium morphology of many *Trichocentrum* species.

TAXONOMY

Trichocentrum Poepp. & Endl., *Nov. Gen. Spec. Pl.* 2: 11, t. 115. 1836.

Acoidium Lindl., *Edwards's Bot. Reg.* 23: sub t. 1951. 1837.

Orchis Ruiz & Pavón, in *Herb. Real Jard. Bot. Madrid, Ms.*, ante 1788.

Perennial **herbs**, epiphytic, with vegetative buds developing from the base of the previous growth on a reduced rhizome. **Pseudobulbs** more or less inconspicuous, ovoid or rounded to cylindric, generally concealed by scarious bracts. **Roots** filiform or fleshy, glabrous, somewhat branched, arising from the base of the new pseudobulb, whitish with green apex. **Leaves** single, only occasionally in pairs, articulate at the apex of the pseudobulb, fleshy to coriaceous, usually small, suberect to arcuate or pendent, persistent; varying in outline from ovate to oblong-elliptic to ligulate, usually widest in basal half, more or less gradually narrowing to a sessile base. **Inflorescence** basal or terminal, simple or racemose, somewhat branched, producing 1 to many flowers, often successively on a short rhachis, arising from the base or near the insertion of the leaf of the last pseudobulb; peduncle terete suberect, arching or pendent with two or more lanceolate acute bracts; rhachis usually fractiflex. **Flowers** often large, showy and sometimes fragrant. **Sepals** and **petals** free, subsimilar, usually spreading, with acute to emarginate apex. **Lip** adnate to the base of the column, suberect, simple or obscurely three-lobed, concave, flat or convex, with or without calli or ridges near the base, producing with the column base a slender or gibbous or clavate, short or elongate spur. **Column** short, stout, adnate to the lip, auriculate or winged above, without a foot. **Clinandrium** commonly shallow, with entire margins. **Anther** cucullate to emispherical, with 2 cells, glabrate to hirsute. **Pollinia** 2, notched to complanate, on a triangular more or less elongate stipe often with reflexed margins; viscidium peltate or ovoid.

DISTRIBUTION: About 23 species wide-

spread from southern Mexico through Central America southward to Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru.

Key to the Groups of *Trichocentrum*

- 1a. Spur gibbous, 2–4-lobed, or clavate 2
 - 2a. Spur short, less than 5 mm long, 2–4 lobed; lip elliptic-ovate *T. candidum* group
 - 2b. Spur longer than 10 mm, clavate; lip pandurate *T. hoegei* group
- 1b. Spur slender, conic or tubular 3
 - 3a. Lip with two lateral, erect, falcate lobes near the base *T. pfavii* group
 - 3b. Lip without lateral, erect, falcate lobes near the base 4
 - 4a. Spur longer or equalling the lip, flexuous to uncinata 5
 - 5a. Ovary triquetrous; disc thickly bicarinate *T. pulchrum* group
 - 5b. Ovary not triquetrous; disc with two to four slender carines *T. fuscum* group
 - 4b. Spur shorter than lip, linear 6
 - 6a. Lip concave, strongly narrowed above; flowers campanulate, produced on successive inflorescence *T. brachyceras* group
 - 6b. Lip flat to slightly convex, with dilated lamina; flowers spreading on 1–2-flowered, simultaneous inflorescences *T. tigrinum* group

Relationships between *Trichocentrum* groups suggested here are summarized in Fig. 2.

***Trichocentrum candidum* group**

This group includes six species presenting a gibbous, saccate, 2–4-lobed spur, namely *T. breneisii* Schltr., *T. caloceras* Endres & Rchb.f., *T. candidum* Lindl., *T. capistratum* Linden & Rchb.f., *T. costaricense* Mora-Retana & Pupulin, and *T. cymbiglossum* Pupulin. Apart from the rather obscure *T. breneisii*, known only from a copy of Schlechter's drawing of the type, all the species within the group present a delicate, semi-hyaline texture, with similar sepals and petals varying in colour from white to greenish-white or brownish yellow. The lip is flat or concave, without any callosity or with two obscure thickened keels near the base. Furthermore, all the taxa invariably present filiform roots, a successive inflorescence and a gibbous, short, 2–4-lobed spur. The stipe is mobile in all the species, and strongly reflects its lateral distal margins after a few seconds from removal. Pollinia are entire, and they do not overlap after reflection of the stipe. All the species are morphologically very well differentiated from the main body of the genus, and their natural distribution confirms that they constitute

a natural group. Besides *Trichocentrum capistratum*, the range of which extends southward to Colombia and Venezuela, all the remaining species in this group are restricted to Central America north of the Panama Canal. The greater concentration of species can be found in Costa Rica: only one species reaches the northern states of Veracruz and Guerrero in Mexico. This pattern suggests central Costa Rica is the center of distribution and the possibility of sympatric speciation in the group (Fig. 3).

Key to the species of the *Trichocentrum candidum* group

- 1a. Anther cap glabrous *T. caloceras*
- 1b. Anther cap papillose or hirsute 2
 - 2a. Column wings decurrent, obtuse, with introrse apices *T. costaricense*
 - 2b. Column wings ascending or perrect, acute, with somewhat revolute apices 3
 - 3a. Lip narrow in the middle; flowers small (sepals and petals to 5–6 mm long); inflorescence erect to patent *T. breneisii*
 - 3b. Lip elliptic ovate or rhombic; flowers medium to large (sepals and petals longer than 15 mm); inflorescence pendule 4
 - 4a. Lip shorter than sepals, acute to obtuse *T. capistratum*
 - 4b. Lip longer than sepals, retuse at apex . . . 5
 - 5a. Lip obovate; column wings entire *T. candidum*
 - 5b. Lip broadly rhombic; column wings erose at the apex . . . *T. cymbiglossum*

T. breneisii Schltr., *Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. Beih.* 19: 248. 1923. TYPE: COSTA RICA. Alajuela: San Pedro de San Ramón, Sept. 1921, A. Brenes 116 (Holotype, B, destroyed; Lectotype, AMES).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Costa Rica.
 REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA. Alajuela: San Jerónimo, *C. Wercklé* 139 (B, destroyed). Without locality, *Nevermann s.n.* (B, destroyed).

T. caloceras Endres & Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* 1257. 1871, *in textu*. TYPE: COSTA RICA. Without specific locality, 1867, *Endres s.n.* (Type not located; neotype, here designated, COSTA RICA. Puntarenas: Coto Brus, Las Cruces, *F. Pupulin* & *D. Castelfranco* 1, USJ).

DISTRIBUTION: Costa Rica and Panama.
 REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA. San José: Perez Zeledón, San Juan de San Isidro, *F. Pupulin* 10 (USJ); Alto de San Juan, *F. Pupulin* & *D.E. Mora-Retana* 186 and 187 (USJ).

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Group	Characteristic flower shape	Labellum shape	Spur shape	Type of inflorescence	Ovary section
Candidum					
Hoegeri					
Pfavii					
Pulchrum					
Fuscum					
Brachyceras					
Tigrinum					

Fig. 2. The subdivision of *Trichocentrum*.

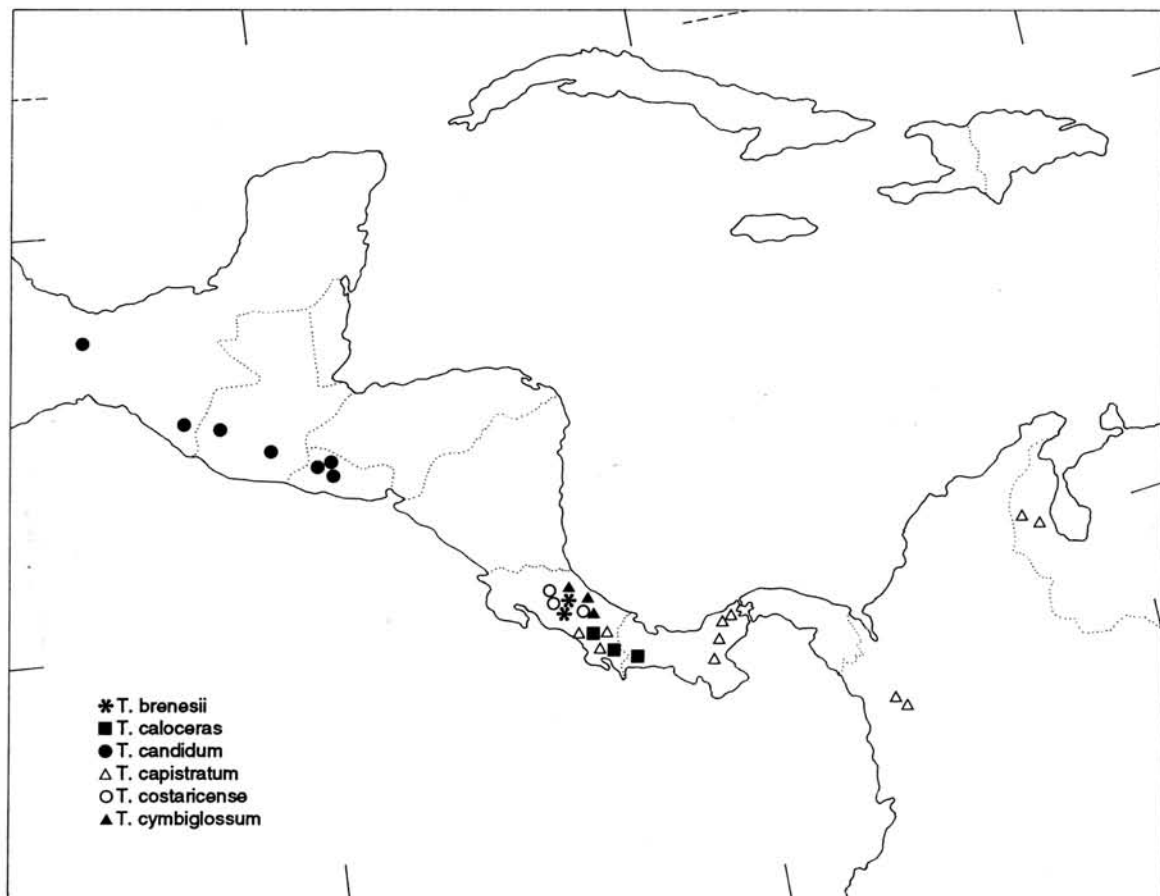


Fig. 3. Distribution of the species of *Trichocentrum candidum* group.

Puntarenas: Coto Brus, Las Cruces, *F. Pupulin & D. Castelfranco 1* (USJ). PANAMA. Chiriquí: between Volcán and Concepción, *C. Luer, A. Luer, R. Dressler & N.H. Williams 1352* (SEL); *C. Luer, J. Luer & H. Butcher 9280* (SEL); *H.P. Butcher 652* and *653* (SEL).

T. candidum Lindl., *Edwards's Bot. Reg.* 29: misc. 9. 1843. TYPE: GUATEMALA. Without specific locality, *Skinner s.n.* (Holotype, K). Fig. 4.

T. albiflorum Rolfe, *Bull. Misc. Inform.* 336. 1893. TYPE: MEXICO. Veracruz: without locality, *Fink s.n.* (Holotype, K).

DISTRIBUTION: Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: EL SALVADOR. Naranjal Deininger, near San Salvador, *F. Hamer s.n.* (Herb. Hamer); Hacienda Las Lajas, Volcán de Izcalco, *F. Hamer 72* (AMES, SEL); Cerro Montecristo, *F. Hamer s.n.*; Cerro

Campana, *V. Hellbuick 528* (SEL). GUATEMALA. Quetzaltenango, Chuikabal, *Lewis 221*; Guanagasapa, Finca Santa María Buena Vista, *O. Mittelstaedt s.n.* (Herb. Pupulin). MEXICO. Veracruz: beyond Bastionál, *R. Dressler 4446* (FLAS); Tezonapa, Hacienda La Unión, *Nagel & Juan 4175* (AMES). Chiapas: Soconusco, above Huixtla, *Nagel 4836* (AMES).

T. capistratum Linden & Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* 1257. 1871. TYPE: COSTA RICA. Without specific locality, *Wallis s.n.* (Holotype, W).

T. panamense Rolfe, *Bull. Misc. Inform.* 341. 1913. TYPE: PANAMA. On bush-covered hills east of the Panama Canal, 255 m, 9°10' N, 79°41' W, 1909, *L.J. Lipscomb s.n.* (Holotype, K).

T. pusillum Lehm. in *Herb. Kew., Ms.*

DISTRIBUTION: Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, and Venezuela.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA

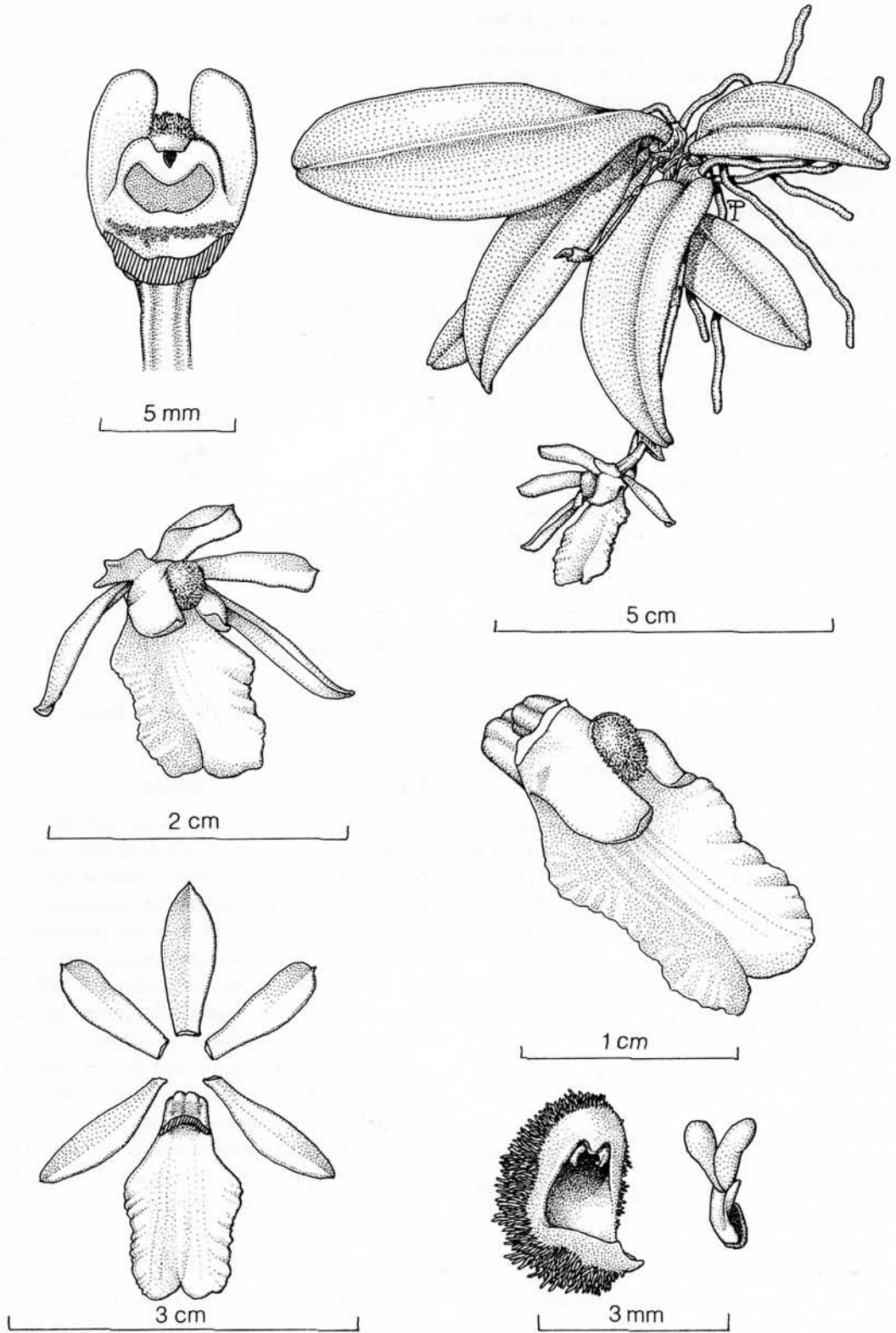


Fig. 4. *Trichocentrum candidum* Lindl. Voucher: GUATEMALA. Guanagasapa, Finca Santa María Buena Vista, O. Mittelstaedt s.n. (Herb. Pupulin).

RICA. San José: Pérez Zeledón, Alfombra de San Juan, *F. Pupulin* 3 (USJ); Las Nubes de Quizarrá, *F. Pupulin* & *J. Cambroner* 4 (USJ); Rivas, *F. Pupulin* & *J. Cambroner* 7 (USJ). Puntarenas: Cañas de Buenos Aires, *J. Cambroner* s.n. (USJ). PANAMA. Upper Chagres River, *Powell* 419 (AMES); Lake Gatún, Barro Colorado Is., *J.D. Ackerman* 1378 (SEL). Coclé: near the edge of El Valle de Antón, *R. Dressler*, *C. Luer*, *J. Luer* & *P. Taylor* 766 (SEL); lower part of El Valle de Antón, *Hunter* & *Allen* 384 (AMES); near Achioté, *R. Dressler* 3146 (FLAS); between Cerro Azul and Cerro Jefe, *R. Dressler* 3263 (FLAS); *C. Luer*, *J. Luer* & *H. Butcher* 9170 (SEL); El Valle de Antón, *J. Cambroner* s.n. (Herb. Pupulin); *J.A. Fonseca* s.n. (Herb. Pupulin). Without specific locality, *R. Dressler* 2832 (SEL). COLOMBIA. Boyaca: El Humbo, *Lawrance* 557 (AMES); Antioquia: Frontino, near Dabeiba, *Lehmann* 4633 (K, AMES); *L.C. Vieira* s.n. (Herb. Pupulin); San Carlos, *G. Escobar* 487 (AMES). VENEZUELA. Zulia: Cajimera, Perijá, *C. Garcia E. s.n.* (K); Colón, Río Catatumbo, *D. Patrzek s.n.*; Sierra de Perijá, Río Yasa, *Steyrmark* & *Fernandez* 99625 (AMES).

T. costaricense Mora-Retana & Pupulin, *Selbyana* 15: 94. 1994. TYPE: COSTA RICA. Alajuela: San Carlos plain, near Ciudad Quesada, 1987, *C.H. Horich* s.n. (Holotype, USJ).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Costa Rica.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA. Alajuela: San Juan de San Ramón, 31 Oct. 1989, *F. Pupulin* & *M. Flores* 17 (USJ). Prov. of Cartago: Turrialba: La Selva, *F. Pupulin* & *D.E. Mora-Retana* 229 and 230 (USJ).

T. cymbiglossum Pupulin, *Lindleyana* 9: 51. 1994. TYPE: COSTA RICA. Alajuela: San Carlos, epiphytic on trunks along Laguna Bosque Alegre, *F. Pupulin* 5 (Holotype, USJ; Isotype, Herb. Pupulin).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Costa Rica.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA. Alajuela: San Carlos, Laguna Bosque Alegre, *F. Pupulin* 5 bis (Herb. Pupulin); Reserva de Juan Castro Blanco, *A. Herrera* s.n. (USJ). Cartago: Turrialba, Tres Equis, 30 Oct. 1989, *F. Pupulin* & *M. Flores* 12 (USJ); Río Estrella, near San Isidro de Tejar, 14 Nov. 1989, *F. Pupulin* & *A. Flores* 18 (USJ); Palomos de Santa Teresita, *F. Pupulin* 195 (Herb. Pupulin).



Fig. 5. Distribution of *Trichocentrum hoegei*.

Trichocentrum hoegei group

This group includes a single species endemic to Mexico, the spur of which is not conic or tubular, but clavate: *Trichocentrum hoegei* Rchb.f. It represents an isolated taxon, seemingly without any close relative. The species presents a subquadrate lip, with two small basal calli, surrounded by purple red nectar-guides. Its pollinarium shows the shorter stipe of the entire genus, with reflected distal margins. Pyriform, complanate pollinia are wide, entire, and do not overlap after reflection of the stipe. *Trichocentrum hoegei* is the only known species to have a clavate spur, and its isolated distribution in Mexico (Fig. 5) seems to support the hypothesis of an early segregation of this taxon from the main complex of the genus.

- *T. hoegei* Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* n.s. 16: 717. 1881. TYPE: MEXICO. Veracruz: near Cordoba, *Hoega* s.n. (Holotype, W; Illustration in *Xenia Orch.* 3: 69, t. 234, Fig. 6. 1890).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Mexico.

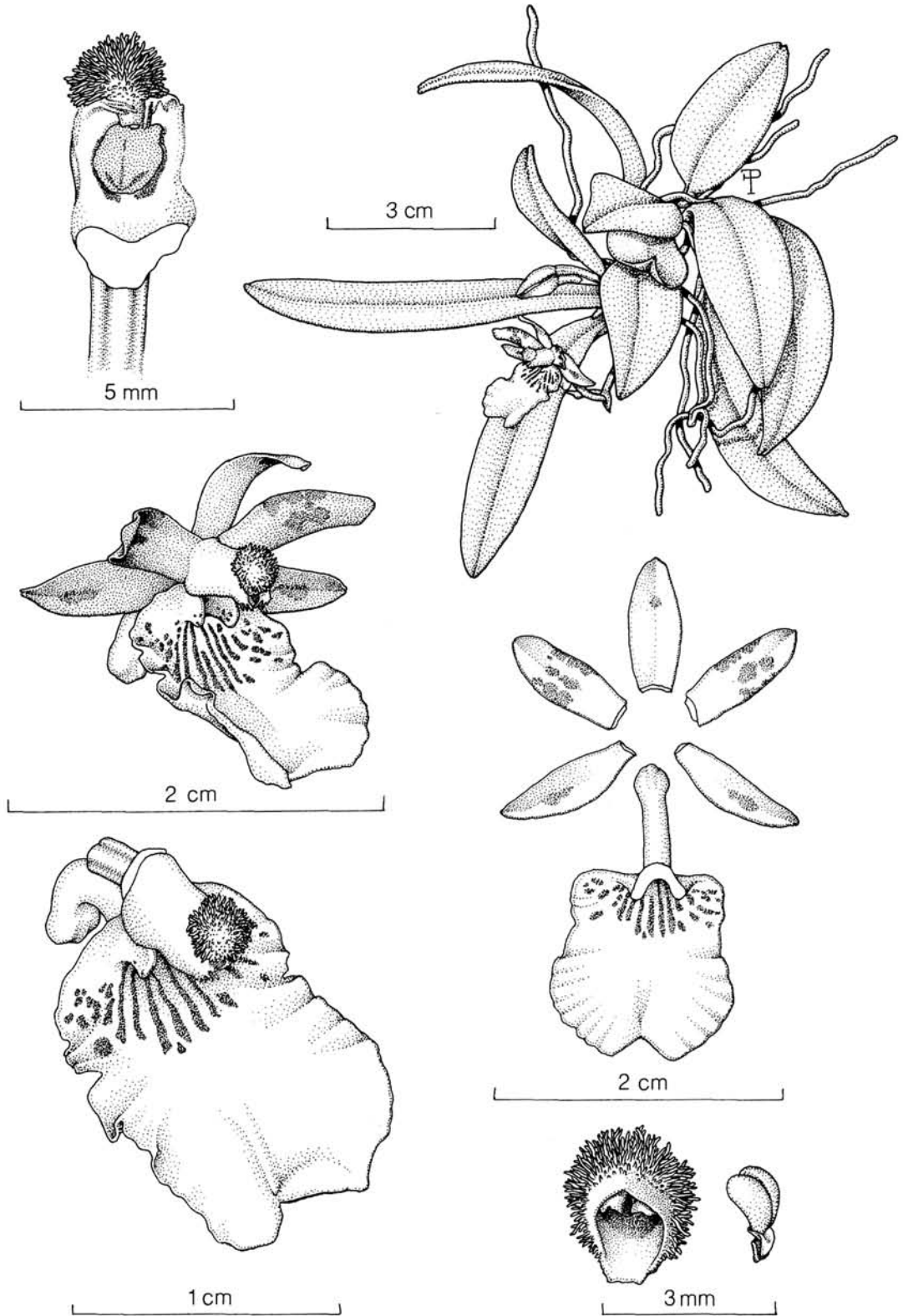


Fig. 6. *Trichocentrum hoegei* Rchb.f. Voucher: MEXICO. Oaxaca: Río Salado, M.A. Soto 4324 (Herb. Pupulin).

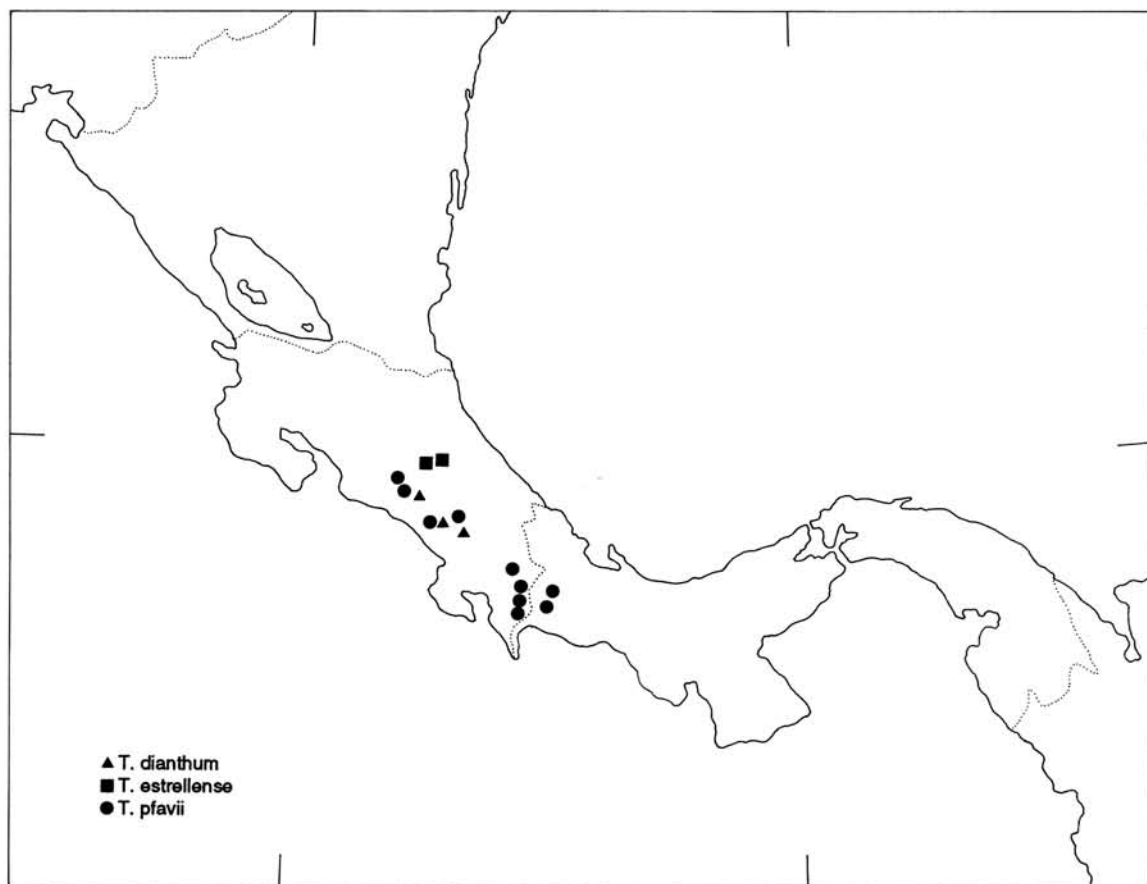


Fig. 7. Distribution of the species of *Trichocentrum pfavii* group.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: MEXICO. Guerrero: Teotepec system, Mt. Piloncillo, Nagel 1902 (AMES). Oaxaca: Río Salado, in oak forest, 1400 m, M.A. Soto 4324 (Herb. Pupulin). Veracruz: Bastionál, R.L. Dressler sub Hagsater 4452a (Herb. Pupulin).

***Trichocentrum pfavii* group**

This group also appears to have originated in Central America, and its species are limited to central and southern Costa Rica and the Chiriquí province in northern Panama (Fig. 7). *Trichocentrum pfavii* Rchb.f., *T. dianthum* Pupulin & Mora-Retana, and *T. estrellense* Pupulin & J.B. García are the only three species within the genus presenting short, erect lobes near the base of the lip, such as papillose-hirsute internal walls of the spur. Due to their vegetative and floral morphology these species are more similar to each other than to any other taxon in the genus. *Trichocen-*

trum dianthum exhale a strong, herbaceous perfume, that may be associated with some special pollination syndrome. It is also likely that the structure of the papillose spur plays a fundamental role in pollination of these taxa. The pollinators of these three species, however, are still unknown.

Key to the species of *Trichocentrum pfavii* group

- 1a. Spur more than 5 mm long; column wings with longitudinal brown stripes *T. dianthum*
- 1b. Spur less than 5 mm long; column wings white with brown spots at margins 2
 - 2a. Lip flabellate, with very crisped apex; lateral lobes of the lip digitate *T. pfavii*
 - 2b. Lip obovate, fleshy, with plane apex; lateral lobes of the lip short and rounded *T. estrellense*

• *T. dianthum* Pupulin & Mora-Retana, *Selbyana* 15: 90. 1994. TYPE: COSTA RICA. San José: Perez Zeledón, Las Nubes de Quizarrá, 1000 m,

epiphytic on short trees along a little river, *J. Cambronero s.n.* (Holotype, USJ).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Costa Rica.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA. San José: Alto de San Juan, *F. Pupulin & W. Fonseca 20* (Herb. Pupulin); *F. Pupulin & W. Fonseca 22* (USJ, Herb. Pupulin); Slopes of Cerro de Las Vueltas, *A. Herrera s.n.* (USJ). Without locality, *M. Flores s.n.* (USJ).

T. estrellense Pupulin & J.B. García *sp. nov.*
TYPE: COSTA RICA. Cartago: El Guarco, in valleys under Palo Verde, epiphytic in shadow on tall trees along a minor tributary of Río Reventazón, 1250 m, 30 Apr. 1992, *F. Pupulin 209* (Holotype, USJ; Isotype, Herb. Pupulin). Fig. 8.

Species *Trichocentropfavii* similis, sed labello minore marginibus planis, lobulis lateralibus abbreviatis rotundatis, alis columnae abbreviatis marginibus laceratis et inflorescentia heterocronica differt.

Plant epiphytic, caespitose, pendent, with abbreviated rhizome. **Roots** filiform, flexuous, glabrous, silvery white with green apex. **Pseudobulb** cylindrical, up to 10 mm long, 5 mm wide, monophyllous. **Leaf** linear-elliptic to elliptic-oblong, obtuse to retuse, narrowed to a conduplicate, sessile base, light green, 8–12 cm long (to 20 cm), 2.5–3 cm wide. **Inflorescence** lateral, basal, pendent, successive, sometime branched at the base, 3- to many-flowered; peduncle terete, 4 to 11.5 cm long, concealed by 2–3 concave, ovate bracts. **Ovary** linear-clavate, about 3 cm long including the pedicel. **Flowers** rather large for the genus, with free sepals and petals, ivory white with a narrow chestnut brown blotch at the first third of their length and white lip, marked near the base by two rose-purple bars. **Dorsal sepal** obovate-elliptic, obtuse to retuse, slightly concave toward the apex, to 16 mm long, 8.5 mm wide. **Lateral sepals** obliquely elliptic, obtuse to retuse, with a short, rounded apicule, subcarinate towards the apex and slightly concave, to 16 mm long, 6.5 mm wide. **Petals** linear-elliptic, obtuse, slightly concave towards the apex, 16 mm long, 6.5 mm wide. **Lip** obovate-subpandurate, adnate to the column, 21 mm long, with a short, linear claw 2 mm long, with two broad, subquadrate, pubescent lateral lobes at the base, expanding abruptly to the subpandurate blade, 16 mm long, 15.5 mm

wide, deeply emarginate in front, with plane, entire margins, producing with the column base a very short, blunt, saccate spur, 2.6 mm long, 3.5 mm wide. **Column** short, stout, without a foot, 3 mm long, with a pair of short, erect, subdolabriform, lacerate wings, spotted and blotched with brown along the margins. **Anther** white, cucullate, papillose. **Pollinia** 2, pyriform, rugulose, on a short obtriangular stipe; viscidium elliptic, brown when fresh.

ETYMOLOGY: Named from La Estrella, the region on northwestern slopes of the Cordillera de Talamanca, where the species was first found.

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Costa Rica.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA. Cartago: La Estrella, *C.H. Lankester s.n.*, 9 Jan. 1923 (AMES); El Guarco, bajo Palo Verde, *F. Pupulin 205* and *208* (Herb. Pupulin); Agua Caliente, *J.M. Quiróz s.n.* (fide J.B. García). Limón: Siquirres, Bajos del Tigre, 450 m, *L. Acosta & F. de Acosta s.n.* (fide J.B. García).

Trichocentrum estrellense inhabits submontane, evergreen, tropical rain forests of the Atlantic slopes of the Cordillera de Talamanca and Cordillera Central in Costa Rica, where the plants of this species grow on shady branches and trunks covered by live moss, mainly over streams. The climate of the high basin of Río Reventazón is wet, temperate, with a moderate water deficit (Herrera, 1985). Minimum and maximum temperature average at La Estrella region are 18 and 21 °C, respectively. Flowering generally begins in early summer, and many flowers are produced successively from June to September. *Trichocentrum estrellense* was first collected in January 1923 by C.H. Lankester near La Estrella, in the Province of Cartago, and a specimen was sent to Oakes Ames who identified it as *T. pfavii* (AMES 26162). Another anonymous collection from the same area was illustrated in a delicate and delightful watercolor by Rafael Lucas Rodríguez Caballero. This plate, together with many other botanical drawings of Costa Rican orchids by Rodríguez, was posthumously published in 1986 as *T. pfavii* (Rodríguez Caballero et al., 1986). Due to the variable regional forms of *T. pfavii* (Pupulin & Mora-Retana, 1994) it is not surprising that herbarium material of *T. estrellense* was overlooked for over 70 years. In fact, most of the morphological differences between the two taxa are better observed in living material, and the characteristic successive inflores-

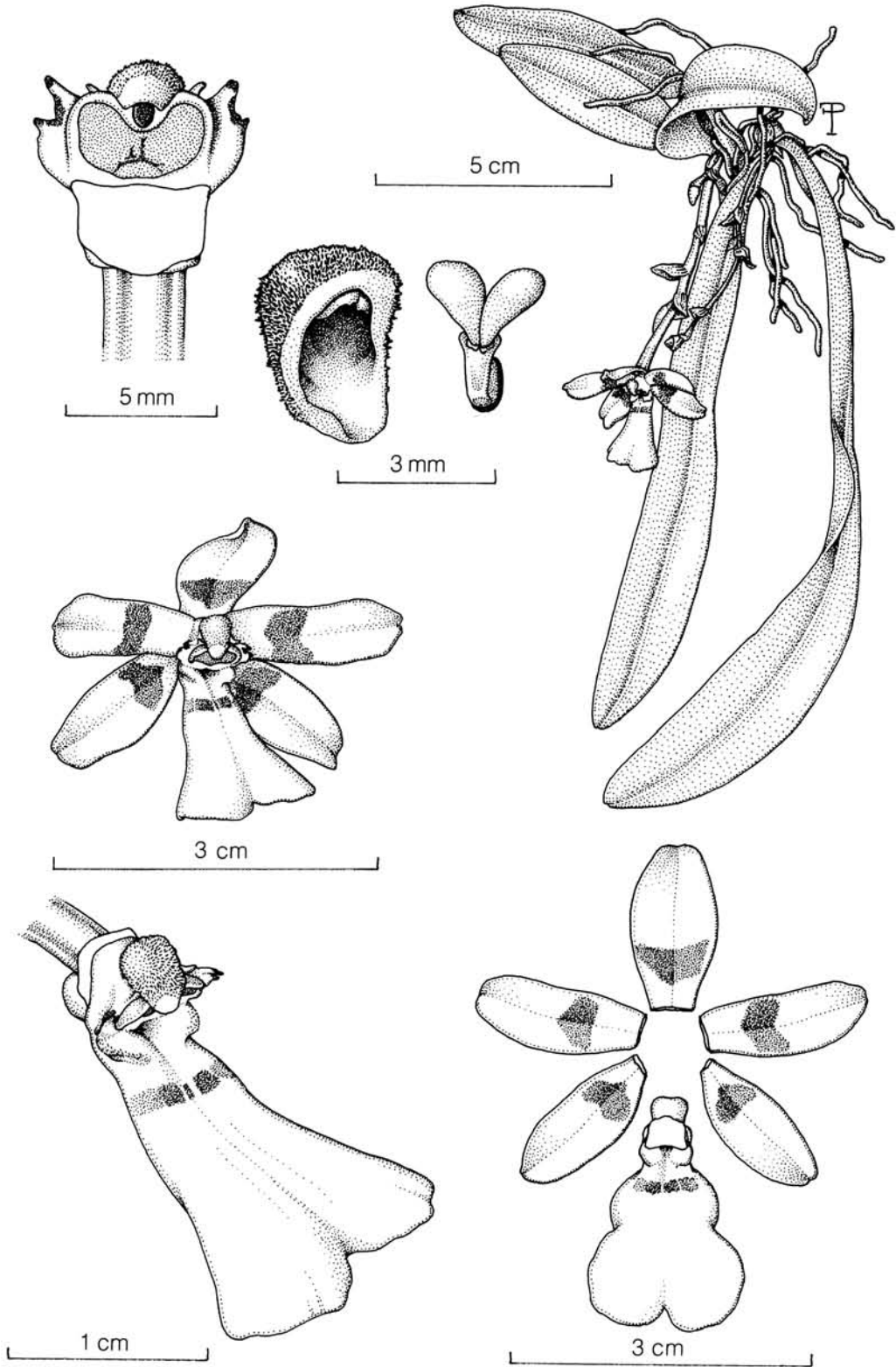


Fig. 8. *Trichocentrum estrellense* Pupulin & J.B. García. Voucher: COSTA RICA. Cartago: El Guarco, in valleys under Palo Verde, F. Pupulin 209 (USJ).

cence, unique among the species close to *T. pfavii*, may be noticed only when plants are kept in cultivation. Joaquín B. García first pointed out the difference between plants native of La Estrella area and the typical form of *T. pfavii*. In April 1992 I had the opportunity to confirm the specific status of *T. estrellense* after a visit to the Valle del Guarco, in the high basin of Río Reventazón, where large colonies of this species were found. Within the genus, *T. estrellense* is so far the species with longer leaves: a leaf of the type specimen was 20 cm long.

T. pfavii Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* n.s. 16: 70. 1881. TYPE: PANAMA. Chiriquí: without specific locality, 19 Nov. 1880, *Pfau* 60 (Holotype, W). Fig. 9.

T. pfavii var. *zonale* Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* n.s. 19: 44. 1883. TYPE: COSTA RICA. San José: Boca de Dota, along the cracks on the trunks of young trees, *Endres s.n.* (Holotype, W).

T. saundersianum Endres & Rchb.f. in Reichenbach Herb., *Ms.*

T. saundersii Endres & Rchb.f. in Reichenbach Herb., *Ms.*

T. zonale Rchb.f. in Reichenbach Herb., *Ms.*

T. pfavii f. *album* Henderson in SEL, *Ms.*

DISTRIBUTION: Costa Rica and Panama.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COSTA RICA. San José: Boca de Dota, *Endres s.n.* (W); San Marcos, road to San Joaquín, *F. Pupulin* & *M. Flores* 6 (USJ); same locality, *F. Pupulin* 45 (USJ, Herb. Pupulin); Pérez Zeledón, Rivas, *F. Pupulin* & *J. Cambronero* 8 (USJ); Alto de San Juan, *F. Pupulin* & *W. Fonseca* 21 (USJ); vicinity of El General, *Skutch* 2201 (AMES). Prov. of Cartago: Pejivalle, *Endres s.n.* (W); El Muñeco, south of Navarro, *Standley* 33735 (AMES); *Standley* & *Torres* 51114 (AMES); *Stork* 2734 (AMES); Orosi, *Valerio* 2696 (AMES). Puntarenas: Coto Brus, Agua Buena, *F. Pupulin* 11 (USJ); *J.A. Fonseca s.n.* (USJ); Campo Dos, *F. Pupulin* & *J. Cambronero* 16 (USJ); Las Cruces, *F. Pupulin* & *D. Castelfranco* 2 (USJ); Jardín Botánico Wilson, *M. Grayum* 9268 (MO). Without locality: *Endres s.n.* (W); *C.H. Lankester s.n.* (K). PANAMA. Chiriquí: below Volcán, "Cordillera", *C. Luer*, *J. Luer*, *H. Butcher* & *A. Maduro* 9319A (SEL); vicinity of Volcán, *N.H. Williams* sub

R.L. Dressler 3760 (FLAS); near Volcán, *A. Dopp s.n.* (SEL).

Trichocentrum pulchrum group

The distribution of the three species in this group is limited to the Andes from Venezuela and Colombia to Peru (Fig. 10). These species can be easily recognized by their triquetrous ovaries, a unique character within the genus. Furthermore, they present two very thickened keels arising from the base of the disc, diverging at apex and somewhat intensely puberulent. The overall morphological similarity among the three species suggests a common ancestor for the group. The flowers are produced on single-flowered, arching to pendent inflorescences. *Trichocentrum pulchrum* is one of the most widespread species of the genus: it is known from Venezuela to Peru.

Key to the species of *Trichocentrum pulchrum* group

- 1a. Spur less than twice as long as the lip . . . *T. pulchrum*
 1b. Spur more than twice as long as the lip 2
 2a. Lip flabellate, with a broad, dark purple blotch on the disc *T. brandtia*
 2b. Lip obovate, with a yellow blotch on the disc *T. longicalcaratum*

T. brandtia Kraenzl., *Bull. Herb. Boiss.* 5: 109. 1897. TYPE: COLOMBIA. Without locality, *Barbey s.n.* (Holotype not located).

T. verruciferum Schltr., *Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg.* 7: 184. 1920. TYPE: COLOMBIA. Without locality (Holotype B, destroyed, drawing, *Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. Beih.* 57: t. 253. 1929).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Colombia.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS. COLOMBIA. Dept. of Risaralda, near Apia, *C.L. Vieira s.n.* (Herb. Pupulin); Pueblo Rico, *G. Escobar* 70, 91 and 554 (AMES). Dept. of Cauca, cult. *A. Lehmann* sub *C. Luer* 2969 (SEL).

T. longicalcaratum Rolfe, *Orch. Rev.* 4: 260. 1896. TYPE: COLOMBIA. without specific locality, *F.C. Lehmann s.n.* (Holotype, K).

DISTRIBUTION: Colombia and Ecuador.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COLOMBIA. Without locality, *Lehmann* 3330 (K), *Lehmann* ex *J.B. Brien s.n.* (K). ECUADOR. Azuay: Cuenca, *Lehmann* 8379 (AMES). Napo: near Tena, *C.H. Dodson s.n.* (1987). Zamora-Chinchi-pe, near Zamora, *C.H. Dodson* 17828 (RPSC).

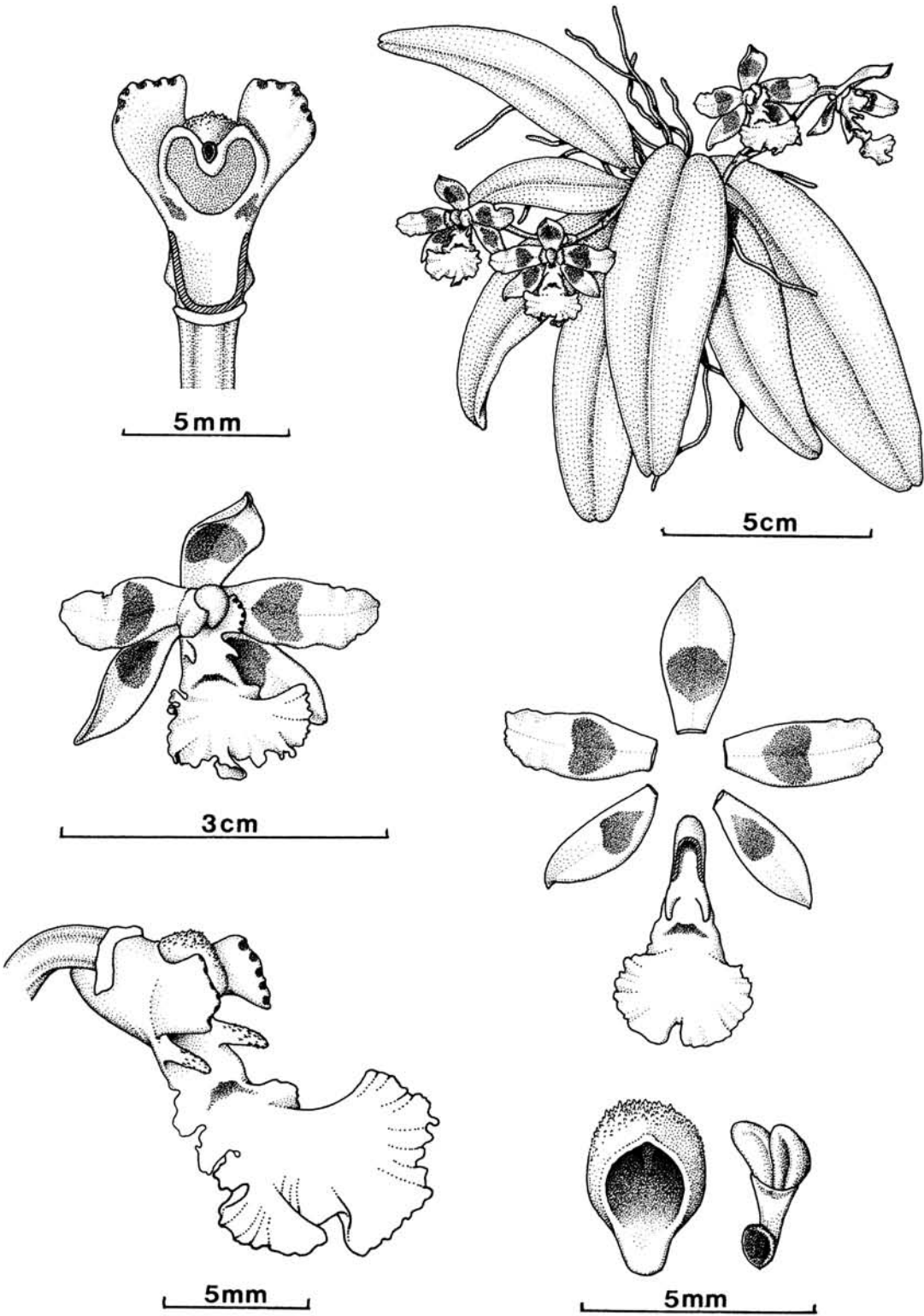


Fig. 9. *Trichocentrum pfavii* Rchb.f. Voucher: COSTA RICA. Puntarenas: Las Cruces, F. Pupulin & D. Castelfranco 2 (USJ).

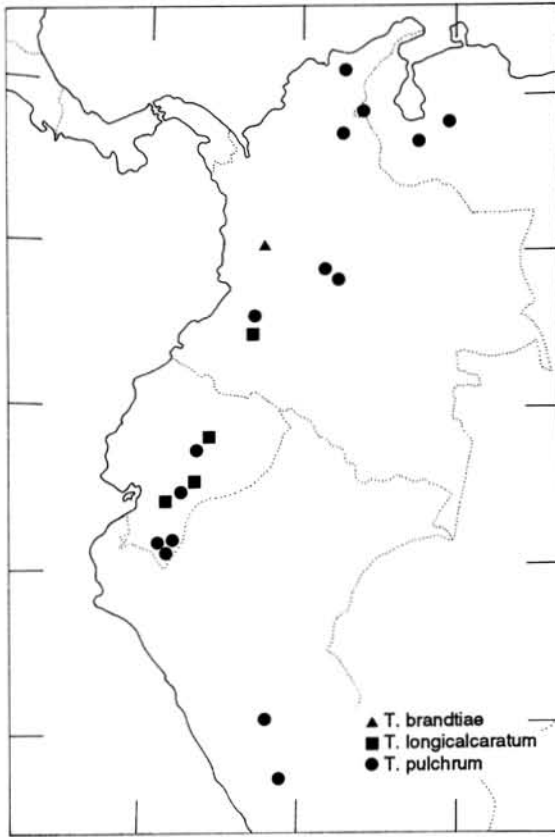


Fig. 10. Distribution of the species of *Trichocentrum pulchrum* group.

T. pulchrum Poepp. & Endl., *Nov. Gen. Sp. Pl.* 2: 11, t. 115. 1836. TYPE: PERU. Huánuco: near Pampayacu, *Poeppig s.n.* (Holotype, W). Fig. 11.

Orchis punctata Ruiz & Pavón, in *Herb. Real Jard. Bot. Madrid, Ms.*

T. maculatum Lindl., *Orchid. Linden.* 24. 1846. TYPE: COLOMBIA. Río Hacha, Sierra de Santa Marta, along the Río San Antonio (1300 m), 1844, *Linden 1666* (Holotype, K; Isotypes, BR, P, W).

T. speciosum Schlim. in *Herb. Kew., Ms.*

DISTRIBUTION: Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: COLOMBIA. Cundinamarca: Bogotá, *G. Kalbreyer s.n.* (K); *Ospina-Hernandez 211* (AMES); La Mesa, *Claes 98* (P) and 2859 (BR); South of Bogotá, near Guayabetal, *R. Escobar s.n.* (Herb. Pupulin); Guayabetal, *ex Hort.* Colomborquídeas (Herb. Pupulin); Villavicencio, *C. Sandeman s.n.* (K); region Mera, *Claes s.n.* (AMES). Ocaña: La Mata,

Schlim 41 (as *T. speciosum*, K, P); *Sandeman s.n.* (K); *Aspasica, ex Hort. Linden* (BR). Ríohacha: Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, *Linden 1666* (type of *T. maculatum*, K, BR, P, W). VENEZUELA. Lara: Yacambí, *J.V. Stopelo s.n.* Zulia: Perijá, Río Omira-kuná, *Steyermark & Dunsterville 105610* (AMES). Mérida: near La Carbonera, *E. Foldats s.n.* Trujillo: near Boconó, *G.C.K. & E. Dunsterville 551*. ECUADOR. Garumales, Río Paute, *P. Andreetta 3302* (SEL). Pastaza: Mera, *E. Asplund 19415* (AMES, K). South of Loja, *D'Alessandro 619* (MO). Zamora-Chinchipec: Zumba, *F. Pupulin 254, 255, 256, 260* and 263 (Herb. Pupulin); *D'Alessandro 751* (RPSC); *Cerón 13812* (QCNE); *Dodson 15798* (MO). PERU. Junín: Tarma, *D.E. Bennett & C.H. Dodson 677-3* (SEL); Chanchamayo, above San Ramón, *D. Bennett & A. Bennett 0677-1-7*; *D. Bennett & C.H. Dodson 677* (MO, AMES, UC).

Trichocentrum fuscum group

The six species of this group are found from Venezuela, through the Guianas, to southern Brazil, and from Ecuador to Bolivia and Peru along the Andean Cordilleras (Fig. 12). Apart from *T. panduratum*, the flowers of these six species are produced successively on generally pendulous inflorescences. The group shares the long, flexuous, slender spur and the relatively complex calli at the base of the lip, two features I believe are derived within *Trichocentrum*. The lip is generally wide, subpandurate to pandurate in outline, sometimes with brightly colored nectar guides toward the entrance of the spur. Though no data on the pollination of any of the species in this group are available, it is highly probable that the slender elongate spur is somehow involved in attracting pollinators. *Trichocentrum fuscum* Lindl. is the most widely distributed species of the group: it is recorded from Venezuela through the Guianas to Brazil and the Amazonian regions of Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru.

Key to the species of *Trichocentrum fuscum* group

- 1a. Inflorescence simultaneously 2- to 5-flowered *T. panduratum*
- 1b. Inflorescence successive 2
 - 2a. Column wings lanceolate to strictly triangular . . 3
 - 3a. Disc of the lip with four keels *T. albo-coccineum*

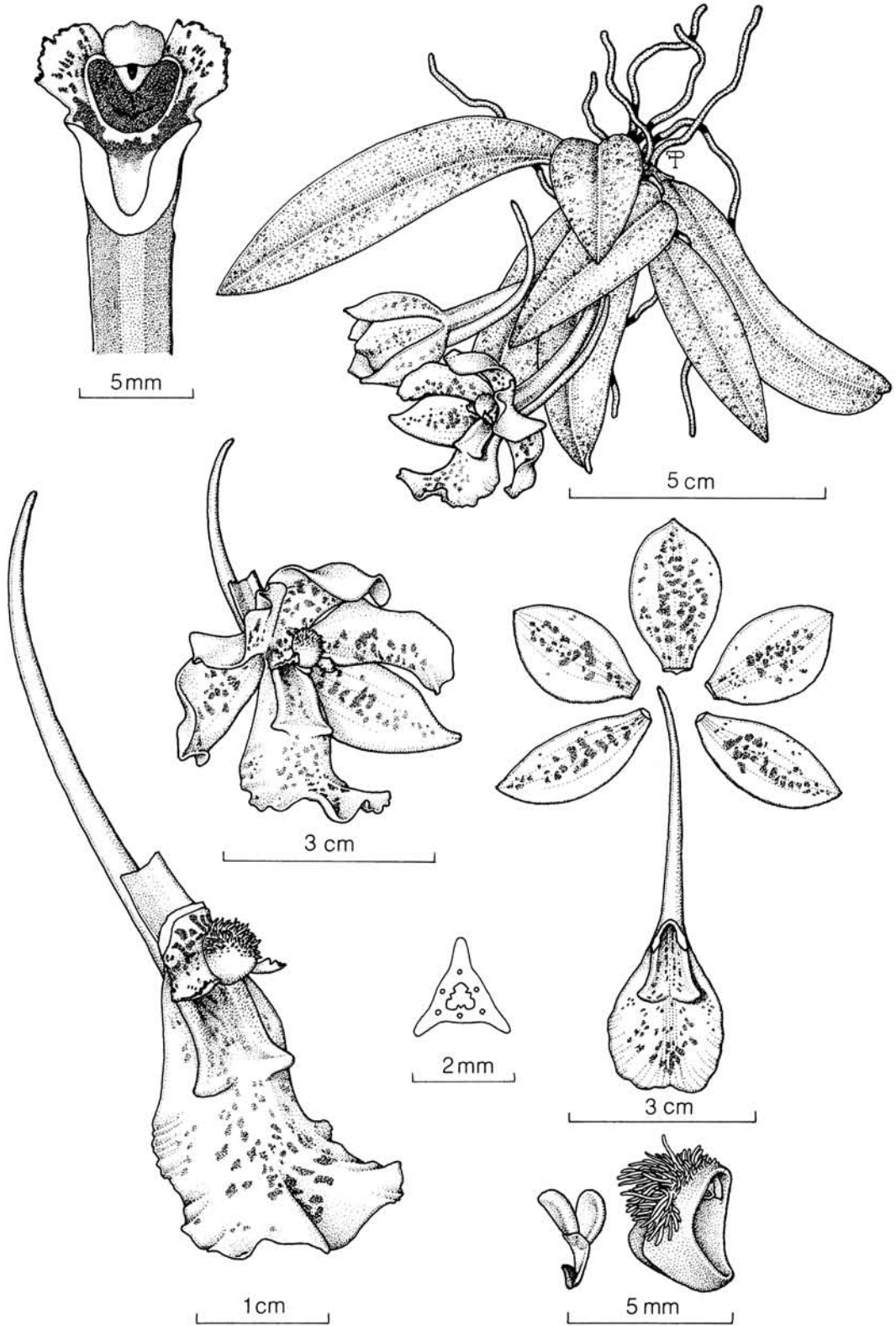


Fig. 11. *Trichocentrum pulchrum* Poepp. & Endl. Voucher: COLOMBIA. Cundinamarca: Guayabetal, ex Hort. Colomborquideas (Herb. Pupulin).

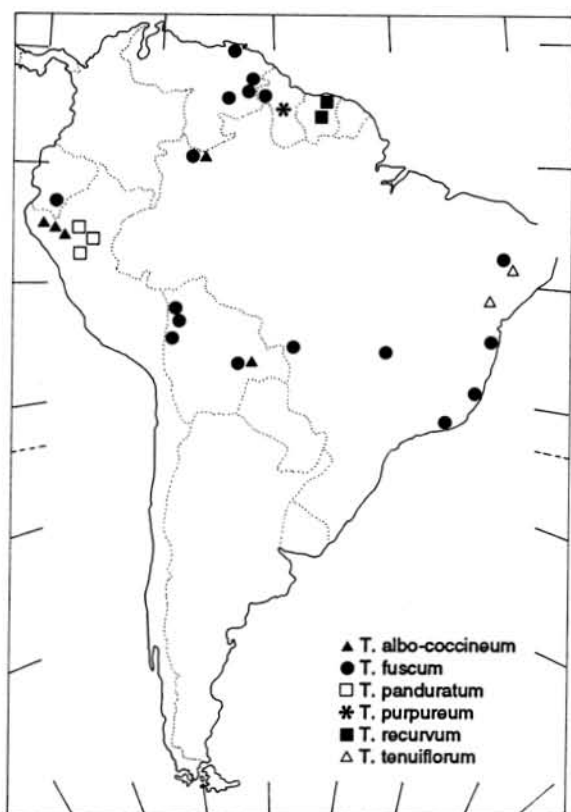


Fig. 12. Distribution of the species of *Trichocentrum fuscum* group.

- 3b. Disc of the lip with two keels . . . *T. tenuiflorum*
- 2b. Column wings broad, obtuse to truncate at apex . . . 4
- 4a. Disc of the lip with two keels . . . *T. recurvum*
- 4b. Disc of the lip with four keels 5
- 5a. Spur about twice long than the lip
- T. wagneri*
- 5b. Spur as long as the lip or shorter 6
- 6a. Lip obovate-oblong *T. purpureum*
- 6b. Lip subpandurate *T. fuscum*

T. albo-coccineum Linden, *Belg. Hort.* 15: 103. 1865. TYPE: BRAZIL. Amazonas: epiphytic in forest along the Rio Negro, *Wallis s.n.* (Holotype, W).

T. albopurpureum Linden & Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* 219. 1866. TYPE: based on the same type as *T. albo-coccineum* Linden (Holotype, W).

T. albopurpureum var. *striatum* Linden & Rod., *Lindenia* 2: 77, t. 85. 1866.

T. alboviolaceum Schltr., *Die Orchideen* 446. 1927, *sphalm.*

T. amazonicum Barb. Rodr., *Gen. Sp. Orch. Nov.* 2: 140. 1882. TYPE: BRAZIL. Villa Bella

da Imperatriz, along Macurany lake, *Barbosa Rodrigues s.n.* (Holotype not located).

T. atropurpureum Linden ex Regel, *Index Sem. Hort. Petropol.* 79. 1868.

T. ionophthalmum Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* n.s. 6: 100, 1876. TYPE: BRAZIL. *cult. Hamburg Bot. Gard. s.n.* (Holotype, W).

T. leanum Rchb.f., *Flora* 69:550. 1886. TYPE: PERU ("Ex cord. occid. Am. aequat."). *Ex hort. Lee* (Holotype, W).

T. orthoplectron Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* n.s. 19: 562. 1883. TYPE: Origin unknown, *ex hort. Linden s.n.* (Holotype, W).

T. porphyrio Rchb.f., *Ill. Hort.* 31: 9, t. 508. 1884. TYPE: Origin unknown, *ex hort. Linden s.n.* (Holotype, W).

DISTRIBUTION: Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: BRAZIL. Without collection data (BR). BOLIVIA. Santa Cruz: Chiquitos, Robaré, *Vasquez 951* (*Herb. Vasquezianum*); Las Manos (AMES). PERU. Amazonas: Bagua: Río Marañon, *Hutchinson 1536* (AMES, K); La Peca, between Marañon and Utcubamba rivers, *Woytkowski 37027* (F); near Bagua Chica, *Flowards 48* (AMES). Huancabamba, *Lowii s.n.* (W). San Martín: San Martín, Shajaja, *D. Bennett & A. Bennett 1518*.

T. fuscum Lindl., *Edwards's Bot. Reg.* 23: sub t. 1951. 1837. TYPE: incorrectly said to be from Mexico, cultivated in the collection of Mr. Knight, *Warming s.n.* (Holotype not located; drawing, K). Fig. 13.

Acoidium fuscum Lindl., *Edwards's Bot. Reg.* 23: sub t. 1951. 1837, *nom. nud.*

T. cornucopiae Linden & Rchb. f., *Gard. Chron.* 266. 1866. TYPE: BRAZIL. Amazonas: Río Negro, *Wallis s.n.* (Holotype, W).

T. hartii Rolfe, *Bull. Misc. Inform.* 395. 1894. TYPE: VENEZUELA. Monagas: Maturín, *cult. Kew Bot. Gard. ex Hart s.n.* (Holotype, K).

T. mattogrossense Hoehne, *Comm. Lin. Telogr., Bot. Ann.* 5, part I: 55. 1910. TYPE: BRAZIL. San Luiz de Caceres, along the Rio Paraguay, *Hoehne s.n.* (SP, not seen).

T. pinelii Lindl., *Gard. Chron.* 772. 1854. TYPE: BRAZIL. Without specific locality, *Pinel s.n.* (Holotype, K).

DISTRIBUTION: Venezuela, Surinam, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia.

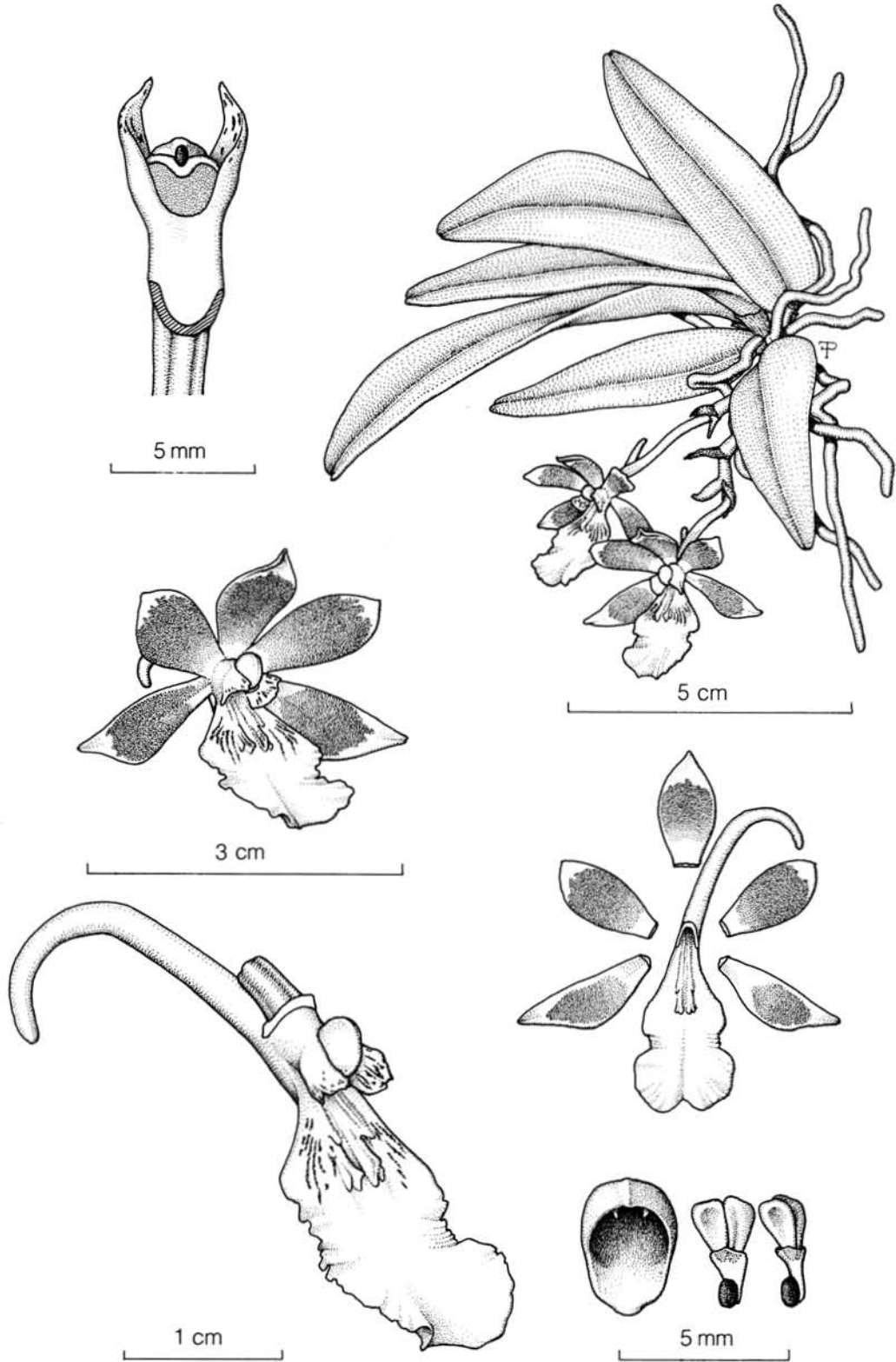


Fig. 13. *Trichocentrum fuscum* Lindl. Voucher: BRAZIL. Bahia: Ilheus, cult. Pupulin ex Seidel s.n. (Herb. Pupulin).

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: VENEZUELA. Bolívar: between Tumeremo and El Dorado, *G.C.K. & E. Dunsterville 409*; north of Tumeremo, *G.C.K. & E. Dunsterville s.n.*; near the Angel Falls, *G.C.K. & E. Dunsterville s.n.* SURINAM. Brownsberg Mazaroni top, *Determann 154 and 163 (SEL)*. FRENCH GUIANA: Mont Atachi Bacca, région de l'Inini, 7 km à l'est de Gobaya Soula, 480 m, 53° 55', 31° 33', *Granville et al. (AY)*. BRAZIL: Amazonas: Río Negro, without collector (BR); *Wallis s.n.* (type of *T. cornucopiae*, W). Bahia: Ilheus, *cult. Pupulin ex Seidel s.n.* (Herb. Pupulin). Goiás: Inhumas, *cult. Pupulin ex Seidel s.n.* (Herb. Pupulin). Pernambuco, without specific locality, *Pfister s.n.* (Herb. Pupulin). Rio de Janeiro: along the Rio Paqueta, *Neves-Armond 40 (BR)*; Rio de Janeiro, *Gaudichand 377 (P)*. Matto Grosso: San Luiz de Cáceres, *Hoehne s.n. (SP)*. Espírito Santo: Linhares-Mun-Callatine, *Mulford & Qaine Foster s.n. (AMES)*. Without locality, *Hort. Sander (K, BR)*. ECUADOR: Zamora-Chinchipec: Paquisha, *F. Pupulin 272 and 273 (Herb. Pupulin)*; *Hirtz 2819 (RPSC)*. BOLIVIA. Consata, *C. Luer s.n. (SEL, three specimens)*. Santa Cruz: Chiquitos, Robaré, *Vasquez 895 (Herb. Vasquezianum)*; Tumupasa, *White 1120 (AMES)*; Rurrenabaque, *White 2323 (AMES)*. PERU. Mono Calzada, *D.E. Bennett 3245 (SEL)*. Without collection data: *Hort. Linden (K)*; *cult. Hort. Bot. Kew (K)*; *Hort. White (K)*; *Hort. Sander (K)*; *Hort. Mantin (K)*; *Hort. Finet (K)*.

T. panduratum Schweinf., *Amer. Orchid Soc. Bull.* 14: 104. 1946. TYPE: PERU. San Martín: Juan Jui, Alto Río Huallaga, *G. Klug 4260 (Holotype, AMES; Isotype, K)*.

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Peru.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: PERU: San Martín: Huallaga, Bellavista, *J. Schunke V. sub D. Bennett 1135*; Moyobamba, *R. Stümpfle s.n.* (photo in Teuscher, 1964).

T. purpureum Lindl. ex Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* 772. 1854. TYPE: GUYANA. *Ex hort. Veitch (Holotype, K)*.

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Guyana.

T. recurvum Lindl., *Edwards's Bot. Reg.* 29: misc. 9. 1843. TYPE: GUYANA. *Ex hort. Loddiges s.n.* (Holotype, K!).

T. cornu-vaccae Rchb.f. in Reichenbach *Herb., Ms.*

T. plectrophora Rchb.f. in *Herb. Jard. Bot. Etat Bruxelles (BR), Ms., non (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Rchb.f. [= Plectrophora iridifolia]*.

DISTRIBUTION: Ecuador (?), Guyana and Surinam.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: ECUADOR. Morona-Santiago: Misión Bomboiza, *Holm-Nielsen et al. 4197* (not seen, but very dubious). SURINAM. Paramaribo, 27 Feb. 1858, *Focke s.n. (W)*. Concordia: Saramacca, without collector (as *T. cornu-vaccae*, BR); same locality, without collector (BR). Without locality, *Wulfschlaegel s.n. (W)*; *cult. Dull s.n. (W)*.

T. tenuiflorum Lindl., *Paxt. Flow. Gard.* 1: 12. 1850. TYPE: BRAZIL. Bahia: Without locality, *Morel s.n. (Holotype, K)*.

DISTRIBUTION: Brazil.

Trichocentrum wagneri *Pupulin sp. nov.* TYPE: BRAZIL. Without locality, introduced by A. Seidel, flowered in cultivation by A. Wagner in Santa Margherita, Italy, 25 Sept. 1990, *F. Pupulin 289 (Holotype, SEL)*. Fig. 14.

Species ad *Trichocentrum fusco* Lindl. similis, sed calcar multo magis longiore quam labelli, labello oblongo-pandurato rotundato marginibus leviter crenulatis, callis parallelis et alis columnae brunneo striatis differt.

Plant epiphytic, caespitose, pendent to suberect, with abbreviated rhizome. **Roots** filiform, flexuous, glabrous, silvery white with green apex. **Pseudobulbs** subglobose, up to 5 mm long, 3.5–4.5 mm wide, monophyllous. **Leaf** ovate-oblong to elliptic-oblong, retuse, narrowed to a conduplicate, sessile base, light green, 6–11 cm long, 3–3.5 cm wide. **Inflorescence** lateral, basal, pendent, successive, 1–many-flowered; peduncle terete, 7–9 cm long, concealed by 2–3 concave, ovate, papiraceous bracts, to 8 mm long. **Ovaries** linear-clavate, terete, about 4 cm long including the pedicel. **Flowers** with free sepals and petals, dull brown with yellowish apexes and ivory white lip, marked near the base by yellow with purple–brown radiating lines and blotches. **Dorsal sepal** oblanceolate, acute, concave toward the apex, to 20 mm long, 6.5 mm wide. **Lateral sepals** obliquely subfalcate, acute to subobtuse, subcarinate towards the apex and slightly concave, to 21 mm long, 5–

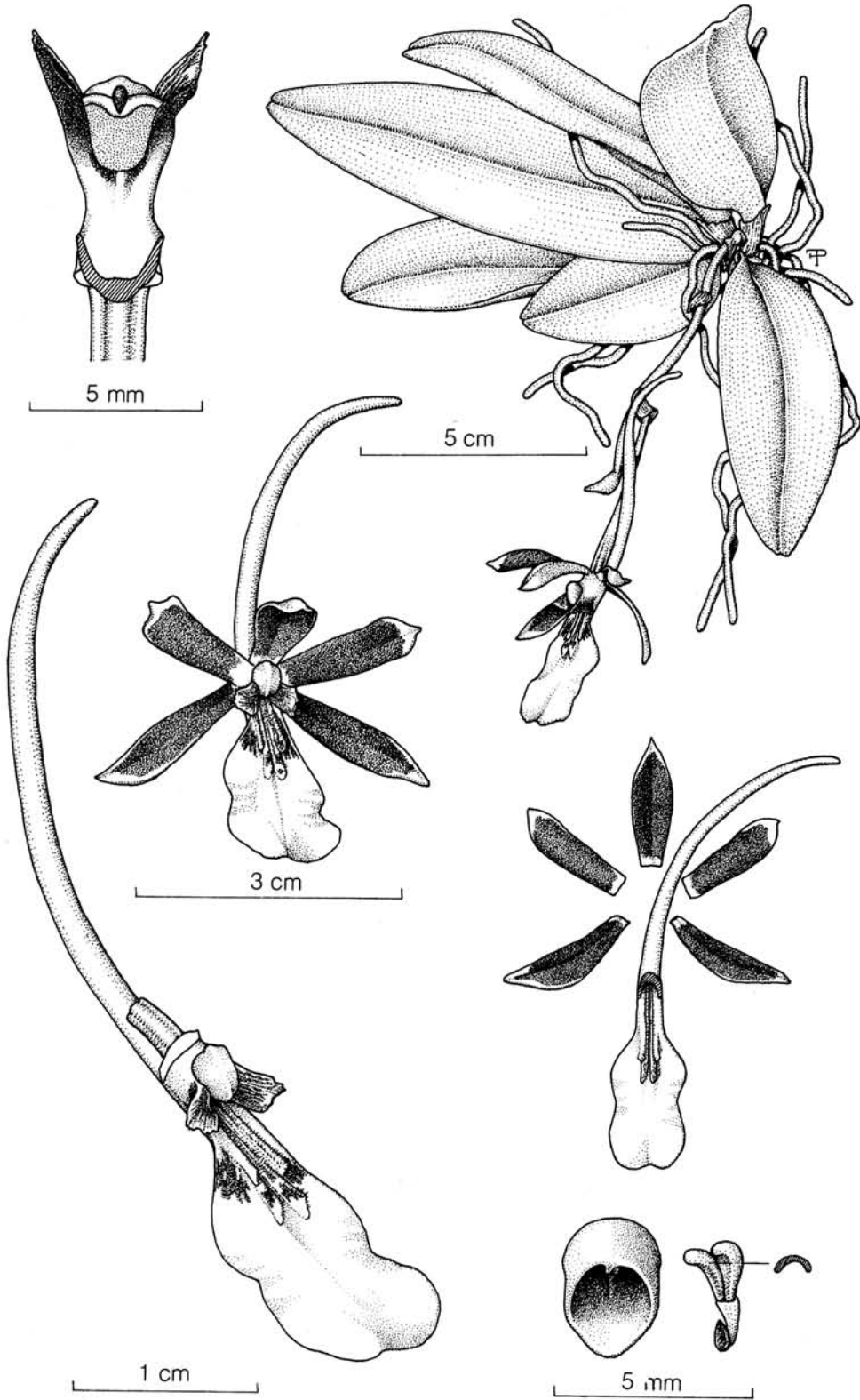


Fig. 14. *Trichocentrum wagneri* Pupulin. Voucher: without collection data, introduced by A. Seidel, flowered in cultivation by A. Wagner, *F. Pupulin* 289 (SEL).

5.5 mm wide. **Petals** linear-obovate, obtuse, sometimes slightly concave towards the apex, 18.5 mm long, 5.5 mm wide. **Lip** from a cuneate base oblong-subpandurate, adnate to the column, to 26 mm long, 11.5 mm wide, emarginate in front, with plane to slightly crenulate margins, producing with the column base a slender, linear-attenuate, flexuous spur, 5 cm long, 0.35 cm wide at the base; disc with four slender, puberulent keels, the external ones shorter, extending parallel from the base to the middle of the lip. **Column** short, stout, without a foot, to 6 mm long, with a pair of large, erect, cuneate, subquadrate, irregularly erose-dentate wings, completely striped with brown. **Anther** white, subglobose, glabre. **Pollinia** 2, pyriform, deeply concave, on a short obtriangular stipe; viscidium peltate, brown.

ETYMOLOGY: Named in honor of Alessandro Wagner, of Milan, Italy, who first flowered the species in his collection.

DISTRIBUTION: Brazil.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: BRAZIL.

Without collection data, introduced by A. Seidel and flowered by *F. Pupulin* 290 (Herb. Pupulin); cultivated by A. Riboni, *F. Pupulin* 291 (Herb. Pupulin).

The species was introduced in Italy in early summer 1989 together with a group of *T. fuscum* plants coming from Brazil. Several specimens flowered in cultivation in 1990, showing flowers that only superficially resemble those of *T. fuscum* Lindl. *Trichocentrum wagneri* may be easily distinguished from *T. fuscum* mainly on the basis of spur length which is twice longer than the lip, whereas it is as long as the lip or slightly shorter in *T. fuscum*. The lip is oblong, plane, only slightly crenulate towards the middle. It presents on the disc four slender, puberulent keels, that run parallel from the entrance of the spur to the middle of the lamina. Column wings are wide, cuneate, subquadrate and concave; they are intensively striped by brown, whereas they are slightly spotted in *T. fuscum*. The species flowers in late autumn, from September through December.

Trichocentrum brachyceras group

Only two species belong in this group, one endemic to Colombia and the other to Peru (Fig. 15). *Trichocentrum brachyceras* Schltr. is known only from a Schlechter's tracing of the type (published by Mansfeld, 1929). *Trichocentrum bra-*

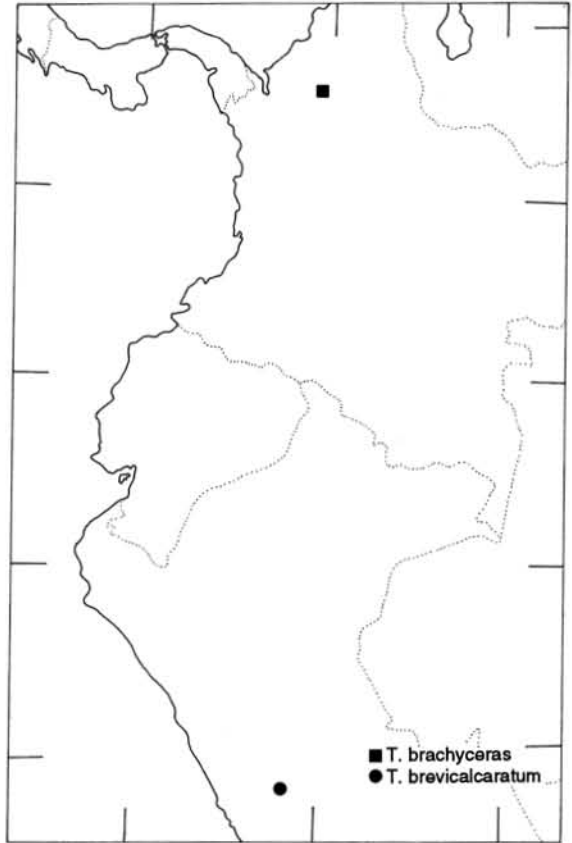


Fig. 15. Distribution of the species of *Trichocentrum brachyceras* group.

chyceras flowers, as well as these of *T. brevicecaratum* C. Schweinf., present a narrow, deeply concave lip with acute apex and short, tubular spur. Both the highly revolute margins of the lip and its acute to acuminate apex are useful characters to distinguish the taxa of this group from the main body of the genus. The two species can be easily distinguished by the length of the lip: it is longer than the sepals and with two keels near the base in *T. brachyceras*, while it is markedly shorter than the sepals and without keels in *T. brevicecaratum*. Nothing is known about the vegetative morphology of *T. brachyceras*, but *T. brevicecaratum* presents a typical habit for the genus, with short, 1-flowered inflorescences.

Key to the species of *Trichocentrum brachyceras* group

- 1a. Lip longer than sepals, apiculate, with two distinct keels near the base *T. brachyceras*
- 1b. Lip markedly shorter than sepals, minutely retuse, without keels *T. brevicecaratum*

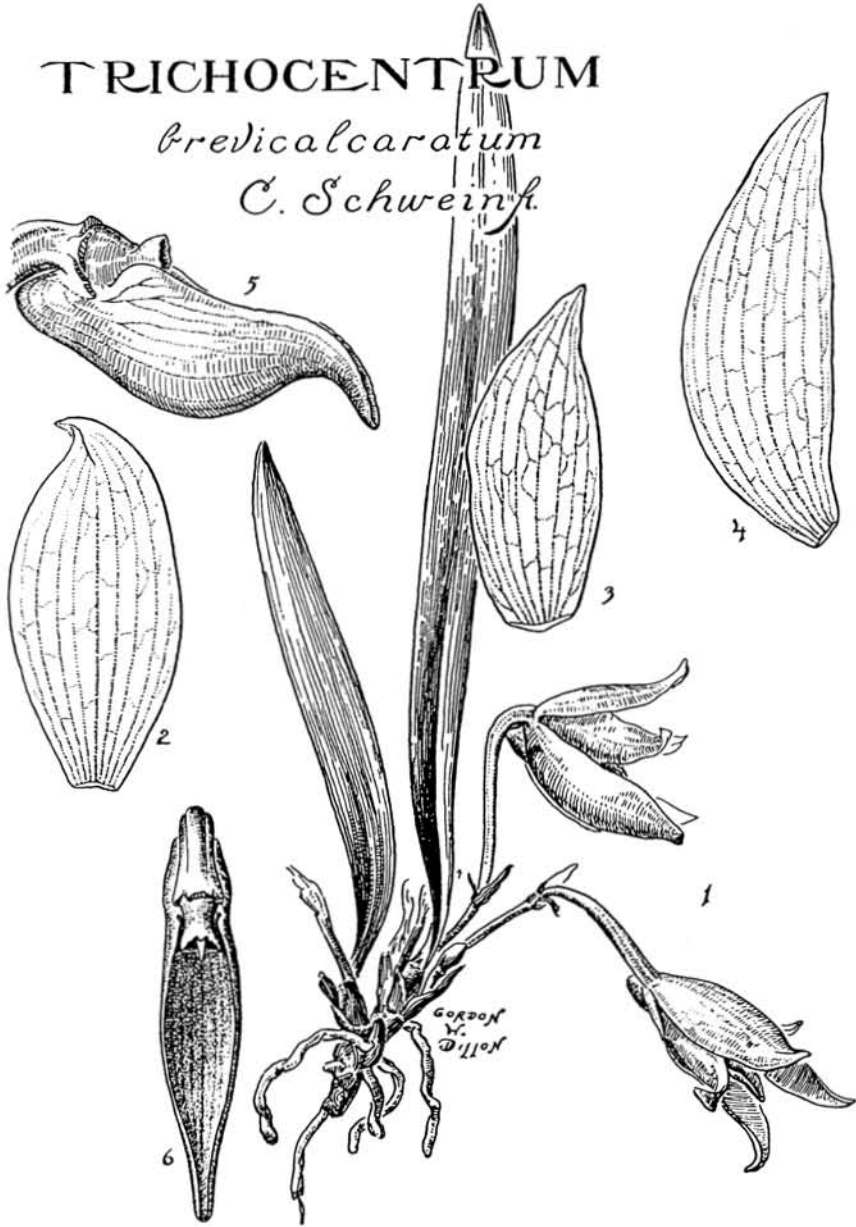


Fig. 16. *Trichocentrum brevicalcaratum* Schweinf. PERU. Junín: Chanchamayo Valley, C. Schunke s.n. (from Schweinfurth, 1945).

T. brachyceras Schltr., *Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. Beih.* 7: 184. 1920. TYPE: COLOMBIA. Cauca: M. Madero s.n. (Holotype, B, destroyed; drawing, *Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. Beih.* 57: t. 65, Fig. 252. 1929).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Colombia.

T. brevicalcaratum Schweinf., *Amer. Orchid Soc. Bull.* 13: 388, 1945. Fig. 16. TYPE: PERU. Junín,

Chanchamayo Valley, 1,800 m, July "1924-1927", C. Schunke s.n. (Holotype, F).

DISTRIBUTION: Endemic to Peru.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: PERU. Junín: Chanchamayo Valley, C. Schunke 565 (F).

***Trichocentrum tigrinum* group**

Trichocentrum tigrinum, a species from Ecuadorean and northern Peruvian Pacific regions is

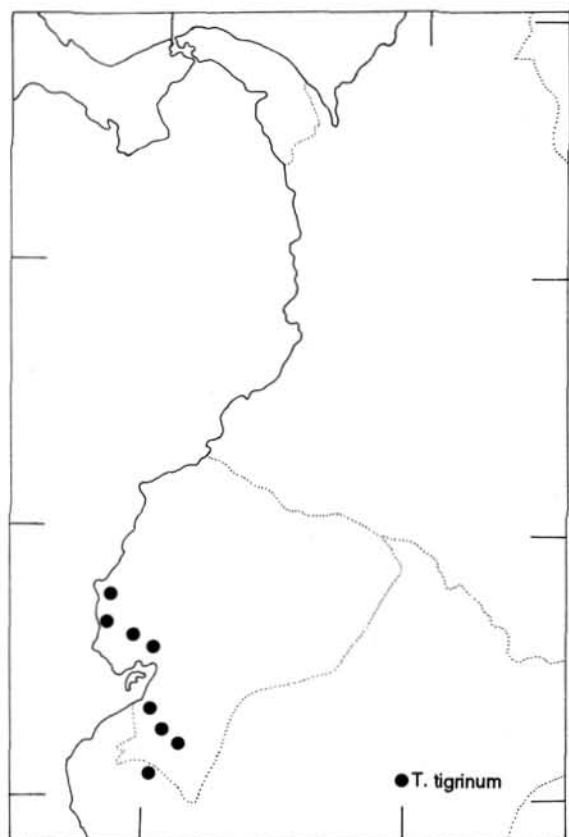


Fig. 17. Distribution of *Trichocentrum tigrinum*.

the sole species referred to this group (Fig. 17). The very spreading flowers of this species, the showing coloration and sweet scent, which deserved it Reichenbach's recognition as "*Trichocentrum princeps*," can easily distinguish this monotypic group. According to van der Pijl and Dodson (1966), *T. tigrinum* is pollinated by *Eulaema cingulata*. The modified, very thick leaves of *T. tigrinum* allow the plants of this species to maintain a hydric balance in the sub-arid seasonal forests of the coastal plains of Ecuador and Peru, where the dry season may exceed five months.

T. tigrinum Linden & Rchb.f., *Gard. Chron.* 862. 1869. TYPE: ECUADOR. Guayas: Guayaquil, 1875, Wallis s.n. (Holotype, W). Fig. 18.

T. tigrinum var. *splendens* Linden & Rod., *Lindenia* 1: 53, t. 24. 1885.

DISTRIBUTION: Ecuador and Peru.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS: ECUADOR. Manabí: Monticristi, east of Manta, C.H. Dodson 113 and 340 (SEL), C.H. Dodson s.n.

(SEL); C.H. Dodson & L.B. Thien 1744 (SEL). Prov. Guayas: Manglaralto, C.H. Dodson 16252 (RPSC); Cordillera de Colonche-Chongón, 1500 m, E. Santiesteban sub F. Pupulin 287 (Herb. Pupulin). El Oro: Santa Rosa, E.F. André 4371 (K); F.C. Lehmann 1000 and 1001 (K); Río Calara, between Ayabám and Zaruma, F.C. Lehmann s.n. (K). Prov. of Loja: Catamayo (K); Macará, P. Andreetta s.n. (Herb. Pupulin). Without collection data, ex Hort. Lecoufle (Herb. Pupulin). PERU. Piura: Ayabaca, Yanchala, D. Bennett et al. 3415. Without collection data, ex Hort. Riboni s.n. (Herb. Pupulin).

EXCLUDED SPECIES

T. alatum Rolfe, *Bull. Misc. Inform.* 197, 1890. TYPE: COLOMBIA. Millican s.n. = *Plectrophora alata* (Rolfe) Garay, *Bot. Mus. Leaflet*. 21: 261, 1967.

T. funale (Swartz) Lindl., *Edwards's Bot. Reg.* 23: sub t. 1951, 1837. TYPE: JAMAICA. Swartz s.n. (Holotype of *Epidendrum funale*, BM) = *Dendrophylax funalis* (Swartz) Fawc., *Fl. Pl. Jam.* 40, 1893.

T. iridifolium Lodd. ex Lindl., *Edwards's Bot. Reg.* 24: Misc. 94, 1838. TYPE: SURINAM. Wulfschlaegel 1805 = *Plectrophora iridifolia* (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Focke, *Tijdschr. Wiss. en Naturk. Amsterd.* 1: 212, 1848.

T. plectrophora (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Rchb.f., *Ann. Bot. Syst.* 6: 544, 1863. = *Plectrophora iridifolia* (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Focke, *Tijdschr. Wiss. en Naturk. Amsterd.* 1: 212, 1848.

T. triquetrum Rolfe, *Gard. Chron.* ser. 3, 9: 701, 1891. TYPE: PERU. Ex Hort. Charlesworth = *Plectrophora triquetra* (Rolfe) Cogn., *Fl. Bras.* 3; part. 6: 184, 1904.

CHECKLIST OF SPECIES AND SYNONYMS

- Acoidium fuscum* Lindl. = *T. fuscum* Lindl.
Orchis punctata Ruiz & Pavón = *T. pulchrum* Poepp. & Endl.
T. alatum Rolfe = *Plectrophora alata* (Rolfe) Garay
T. albiflorum Rolfe = *T. candidum* Lindl.
T. albo-coccineum Linden
T. albo-purpureum Linden & Rchb.f. = *T. albo-coccineum* Linden
T. albo-purpureum var. *striatum* Linden & Rod. = *T. albo-coccineum* Linden

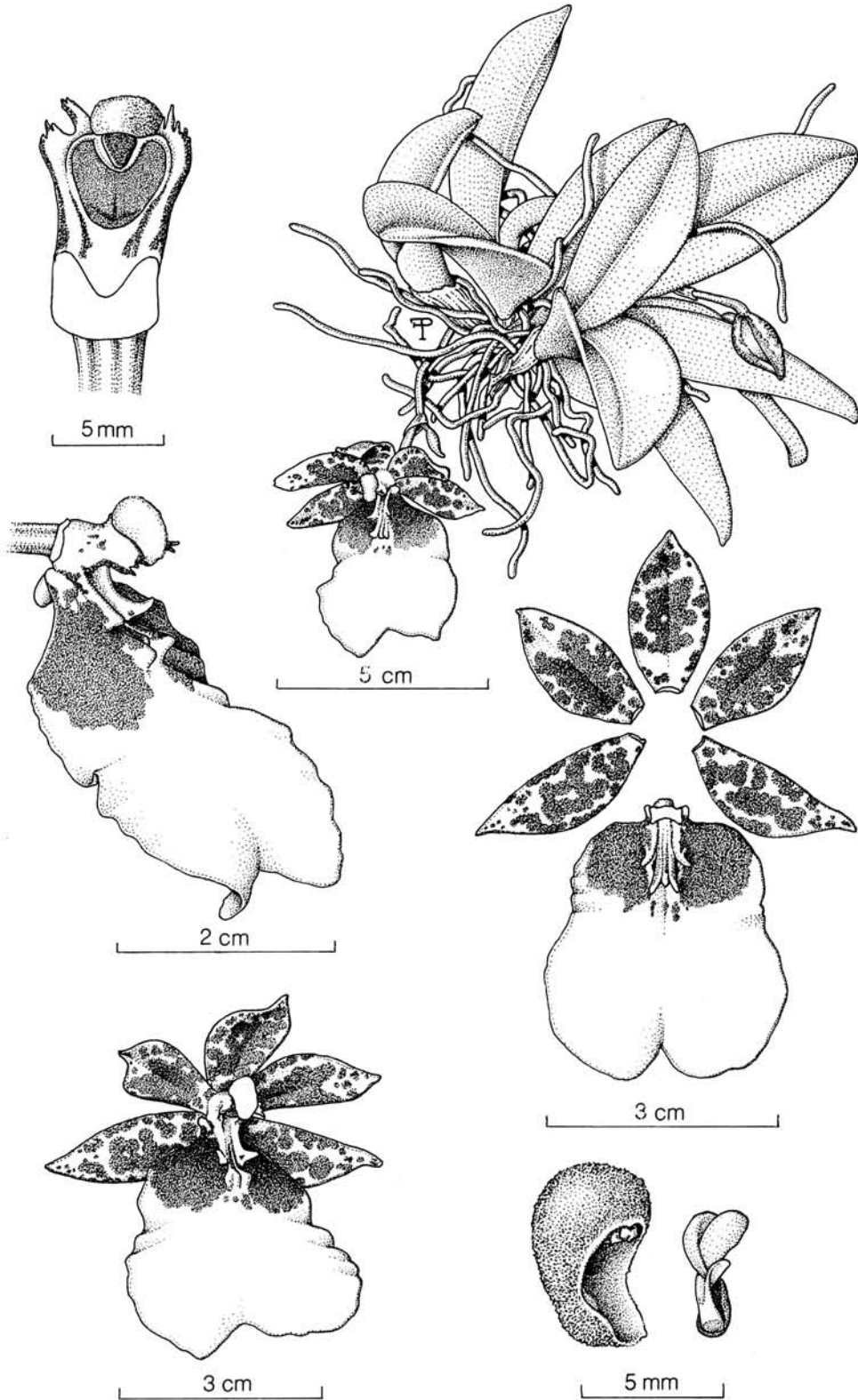


Fig. 18. *Trichocentrum tigrinum* Lindén & Rehb.f. Voucher: ECUADOR. Loja: Macará, P. Andreetta s.n. (Herb. Pupulin).

- T. alboviolaceum* Schltr. = *T. albo-coccineum* Linden
T. amazonicum Barb. Rodr. = *T. fuscum* Lindl.
T. brachyceras Schltr.
T. brandtia Krzl.
T. brenesii Schltr.
T. brevicaratum Schweinf.
T. caloceras Endres & Rchb. f.
T. candidum Lindl.
T. capistratum Linden & Rchb. f.
T. cornucopiae Linden & Rchb.f. = *T. fuscum* Lindl.
T. cornu-vaccae Rchb.f. = *T. recurvum* Lindl.
T. costaricense Mora-Retana & Pupulin
T. cymbiglossum Pupulin
T. dianthum Pupulin & Mora-Retana
T. estrellense Pupulin & J.B. García
T. funale Lindl. = *Dendrophylax funalis*
T. fuscum Lindl.
T. hartii Rolfe = *T. fuscum* Lindl.
T. hoegei Rchb.f.
T. ionophthalmum Rchb.f. = *T. albo-coccineum* Linden
T. iridifolium Lodd ex Lindl. = *Plectrophora iridifolia* (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Focke
T. leeanum Rchb.f. = *T. albo-coccineum* Linden
T. longicalcaratum Rchb.f.
T. maculatum Lindl. = *T. pulchrum* Poepp. & Endl.
T. mattogrossense Hoehne = *T. fuscum* Lindl.
T. orthoplectron Rchb.f. = *T. albo-coccineum* Linden
T. panamense Rolfe = *T. capistratum* Linden & Rchb.f.
T. panduratum Schweinf.
T. pfavii Rchb.f.
T. pfavii var. *zonale* Rchb.f. = *T. pfavii* Rchb.f.
T. pfavii f. *album* Henderson = *T. pfavii* Rchb.f.
T. pineli Lindl. = *T. fuscum* Lindl.
T. plectrophora (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Rchb.f. = *Plectrophora iridifolia* (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Focke
T. plectrophora Rchb.f. = *T. recurvum* Lindl.
T. porphyrio Rchb.f. = *T. albo-coccineum* Linden
T. pulchrum Poepp. & Endl.
T. purpureum Lindl. ex Rchb.f.
T. pusillum Lehm. = *T. capistratum* Linden & Rchb.f.
T. recurvum Lindl.
T. saundersianum Endres & Rchb.f. = *T. pfavii* Rchb.f.
T. saundersii Endres & Rchb.f. = *T. pfavii* Rchb.f.
T. speciosum Schlim = *T. pulchrum* Poepp. & Endl.
T. tenuiflorum Lindl.
T. tigrinum Rchb.f.
T. tigrinum var. *splendens* Linden & Rod. = *T. tigrinum* Rchb.f.
T. triquetrum Rolfe = *Plectrophora triquetra* (Rolfe) Cogn.
T. verruciferum Schltr. = *T. brandtia* Krzl.
T. wagneri Pupulin
T. zonale Rchb.f. = *T. pfavii* Rchb.f.

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