

NOTES ON BROMELIACEAE, XLII

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ABSTRACT

A supplement to the treatment of *Pitcairnia* in Flora Neotropical Monographs 14(1) is provided. Descriptions and illustrations are published for species of Neotropical *Pitcairnia* described since the publication of Flora Neotropica Monographs 14(1).

KEY WORDS: *Pitcairnia*, Bromeliaceae, taxonomy, Neotropics

1. PITCAIRNIOIDEAE

8. *PITCAIRNIA*

In 1974 Robert Jack Downs and I published the Pitcairnioideae in Flora Neotropica Monograph no. 14(1) including *Pitcairnia*. To its 260 species, about 100 have since been added. In conjunction with others, I plan to prepare a combined key with references to the numeric designations for each species in Flora Neotropica. Numeric references (e.g., 214.1) to added species will allow proper placement of each additional species in the Flora Neotropical treatment. Each added species listing includes a copy of the original description or its translation. Additional, previously undescribed species are here published, and included in the present listing.

This series is part of a plan to publish revisions of all the genera without regard to order and as specialists volunteer. So far we have prepared manuscripts of *Puya* and published *Encholirium*, (Bradea 5, no. 27:291. 1989 with 31 species).

75.2. *Pitcairnia arida* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA.

Antioquia: Municipio Hispania, 8 km from Remolinos to Andes, Western Cordillera, east slope, Canyon of the Río Cauca, a narrow very dry and rocky gully by the road, bs-T, 900 m alt., 5° 48.9' north latitude, 75° 54.33' west longitude, 26.VII.1988, J. Betancur, R. Fonnegra, F.J. Roldán, & H. Ortiz 606 (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. haughtii* L.B. Smith, cui verisimiliter affinis, petiolis serratis, inflorescentia multo ramosiore, floribus divergentibus differt.

PLANT caespitose, flowering 275 cm high (! J. Betancur). LEAVES fasciculate, all alike, 1.6 m long, densely farinose beneath; sheaths suborbicular, 6 cm broad, apically dark castaneous, lustrous; blades linear-lanceolate, attenuate, 38 mm wide, entire; petioles 12 mm wide, laxly spinose-serrate. SCAPE erect, stout, over 12 mm thick near base, densely farinose; scape bracts subfoliaceous basally, very narrowly triangular and long attenuate above, much exceeding the internodes, 85 cm long, chartaceous. INFLORESCENCE laxly paniculate, 77 cm long, densely farinose except the petals; primary bracts like the upper scape bracts, shorter than the sterile bases of the long divergent branches. FLORAL BRACTS narrowly ovate, attenuate, equaling or exceeding the slender terete 12 mm long pedicels. SEPALS linear-lanceolate, acute, 40 mm long, the posterior ones carinate; petals naked, roseate with pale apices. Pl. 1.

81.1. *Pitcairnia explosiva* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio Salgar, 11 km on the road between Salgar and Bolombolo, very moist rocky gully, 900 m. alt., mouth of the Río Barroso, 5° 55' north latitude, 1.X.1987, *Julio Betancur, J. Zaruchi, & A. Brant 518* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. diffusa* L.B. Smith, cui valde affinis, foliorum laminis lineari-lanceolatis, petiolis spinoso-serratis differt.

PLANT flowering 175 cm high (! J. Betancur), stem short. LEAVES rosulate, all alike, 95 cm long (! J. Betancur); sheaths ovate, ca. 7 cm long, dark castaneous, densely white lepidote; blades linear-lanceolate, attenuate, 3 cm wide, entire or obscurely denticulate, white lepidote beneath, glabrous above; petioles 1 cm wide, laxly spinose-serrulate. SCAPE terete, 8 mm thick at apex, white lepidote becoming glabrescent upward; scape bracts erect, long-filiform-laminate from an ovate base, much longer than the internodes but exposing most of the scape, white lepidote to glabrescent. INFLORESCENCE extremely diffuse, tripinnate, glabrous except for the bases of the flowers; primary bracts narrowly triangular, attenuate, much shorter than the sterile bases of the elongate branches. FLORAL BRACTS ovate to narrowly triangular, longer or shorter than the 10 mm long pedicels; flowers lustrous red (! J. Betancur). SEPALS narrowly triangular, 32 mm long; petals 5 cm long; anthers and stigma exerted. Pl. 2.

84.1. *Pitcairnia betancurii* L.B. Smith, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio Medellín, Old road to Guarne, forest reserve of the Universidad Nacional, woods along the road, 6° 17' north latitude, 75° 30' west



Plate 1, *Pitcairnia arida* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

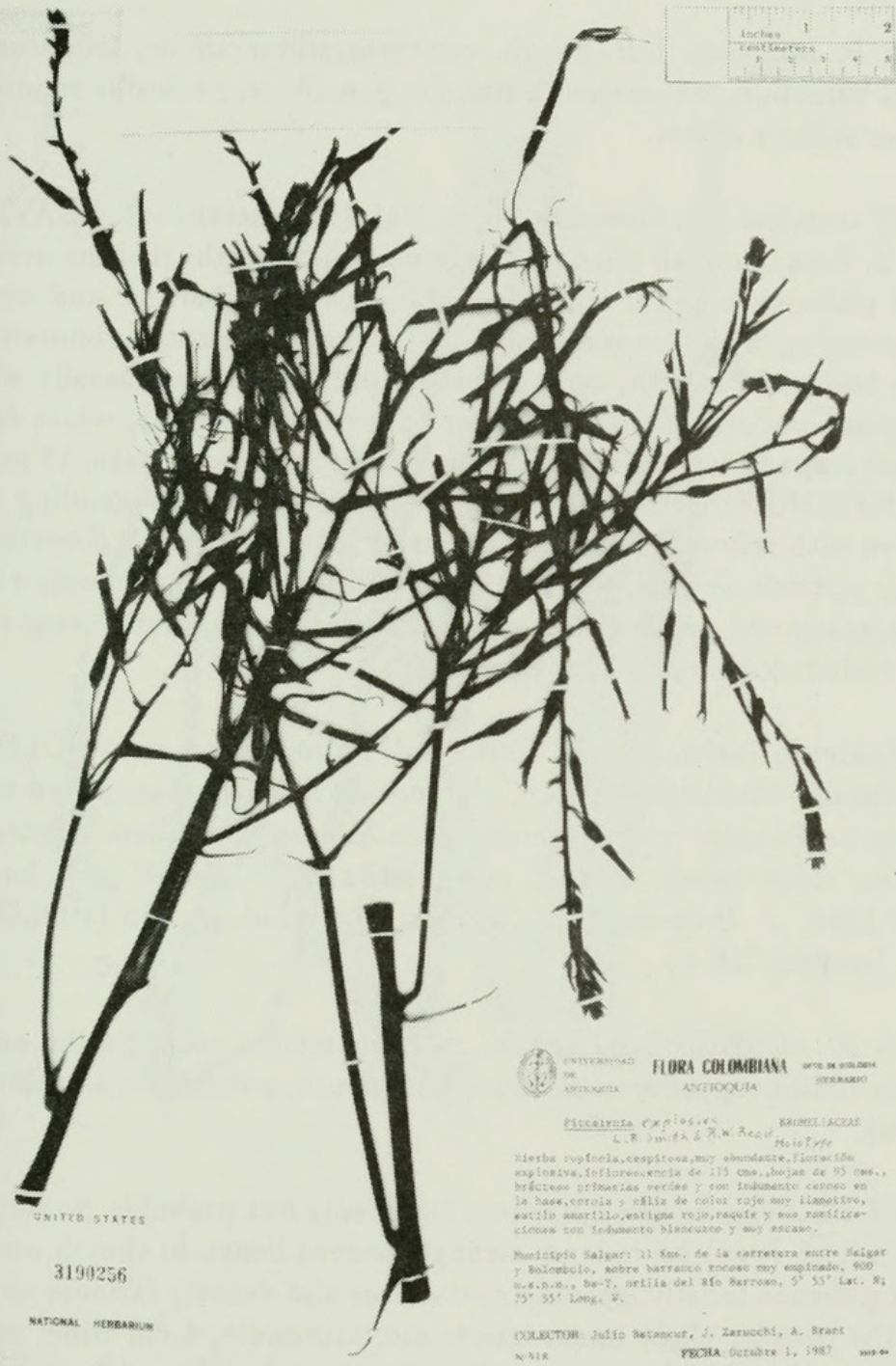


Plate 2, *Pitcairnia explosiva* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

longitude, 1900-2000 m alt., 23.V.1987, *Julio C. Betancur, T. Fonnegra, & palynology class 464* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. oranensis* L.B. Smith, cui verisimiliter affinis, foliis omnibus similibus, inflorescentia simplici pauciflora, pedicellis superioribus reflexis differt.

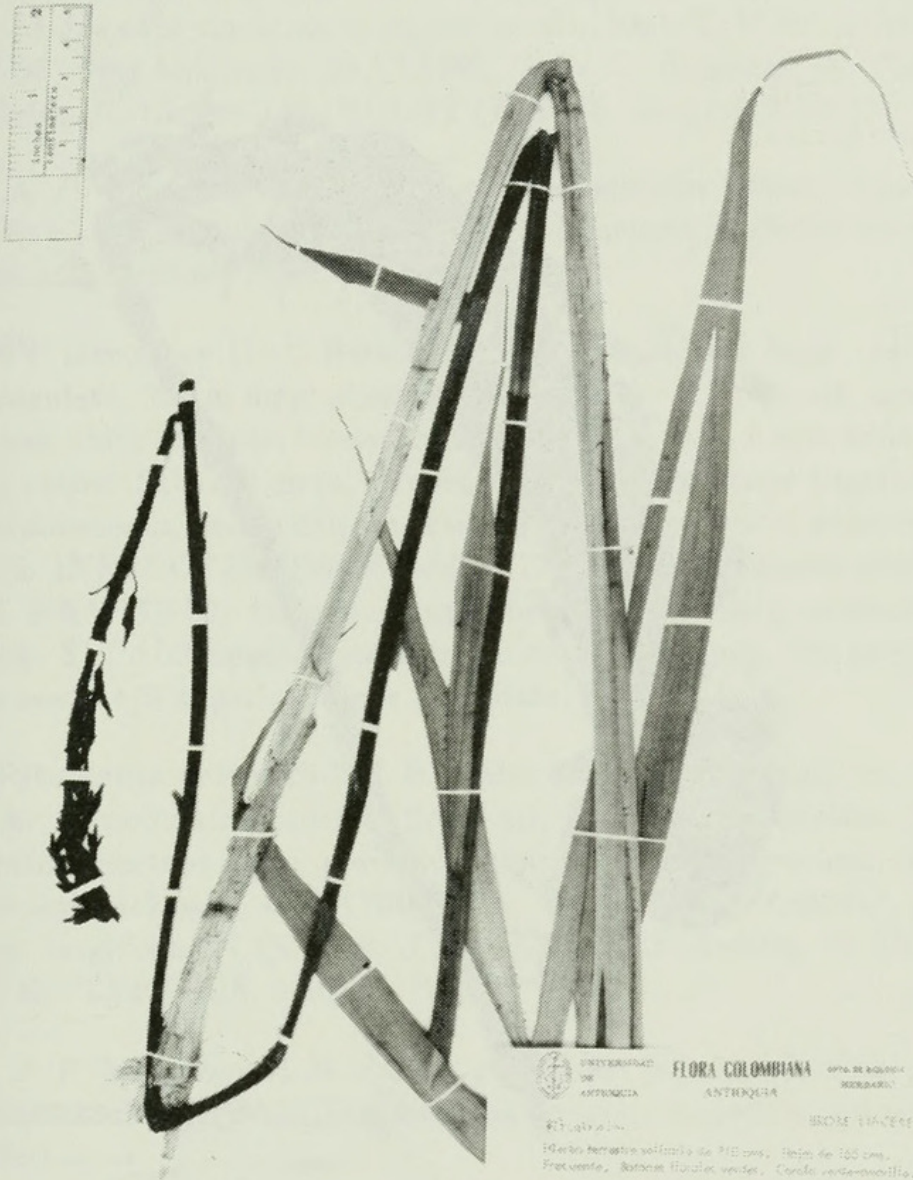
PLANT stemless (?), flowering 2.1 m high (! J. Betancur). LEAVES 1.65 m long (! J. Betancur), all alike, strongly nerved beneath; sheaths ovate, pale green and glabrous basally, apically castaneous and sparsely and obscurely lepidote, merging with the petiole; blade linear-lanceolate, attenuate, 3 cm wide, pale lepidote beneath, soon glabrous, entire, merging basally with the spinose-serrate petiole. SCAPE slender (apex 3 mm thick), white farinose, glabrescent; scape bracts foliaceous below, above ovate, apiculate, 15 mm long, remote. INFLORESCENCE 10 cm long, lax at base with ascending flowers, dense above with reflexed flowers, glabrous. FLORAL BRACTS ovate, acute, 2 mm long; pedicels slender, to 8 mm long. SEPALS oblong, broadly rounded, 7 mm long, ecarinate; petals yellow-green (! J. Betancur), 13 mm long; stamens and style included; ovary 2/3 superior. Pl. 3..

84.2. *Pitcairnia farinosa* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA.

Antioquia: Municipio Sonsón, Páramo de Las Palomas, paved road between La Palmita and Rioverde de los Montes, Cordillera Central, 3000 m alt., cloud forest, 5° 46.2' north latitude, 75° 14.58' west longitude, 8.IV.1988, *J. Betancur, R. Callejas, & J. Luteyn 555* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. oranensis* L.B. Smith, cui verisimiliter affinis, foliis omnibus similibus, inflorescentia simplici densa, pedicellis patentibus differt.

PLANT stemless, known only from fragments but probably flowering near 2 m high. LEAF (one) 2.5 m long, strongly nerved beneath; sheath ovate, pale green and glabrous basally, apically castaneous and densely farinose and merging with the petiole; blade linear-lanceolate, attenuate, 4 cm wide, obscurely farinose both sides, glabrescent, entire, merging basally with the spinose-serrate petiole. SCAPE stout (apex 7 mm thick) dark red, white farinose (! J. Betancur), glabrescent; scape bracts ovate, ca. 7 mm long, remote. INFLORESCENCE simple, subdensely many flowered, 40 cm long, glabrous. FLORAL BRACTS ovate, 7 mm long; pedicels slender, spreading, to 13 mm long; flowers falling from the apex of the pedicel. SEPALS oblong-ovate, obtuse, 8 mm long, nerved; petals white (! J. Betancur), 35 mm long, naked; stamens and style included; ovary 3/4 superior. Pl. 4.



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BROMELIACEAE
Hierba terrestre y silvestre de 15-20 cm. Hojas de 100 cm.
Frecuente. Botones florales verdes. Corola verdoso-rosilla.

Municipio Angelito, carretera a la Guineá, Grupo
Forestal de La Universidad Nacional. Sección de
la carretera. 1900-2000 m.s.n.m. N° 17. Lat. N.,
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Plate 3, *Pitcairnia betancurii* L.B. Smith



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B. Smith & J. Betancur
1981Abundante por todo la orilla del camino, pedúnculo
y cáucula de la hoja son fuertemente blancos y apa-
rentes, pedúnculo granate, sépalos verde, corola blanca,
botones verdes.Municipio Bonaventura de Las Palomas, camino de tierra
dura entre La Palmera y Rio verde de Los Nuevos, 3000
m.s.n.m., Cordillera Central, bosque cubierto y seco-H.
75° 14.58' Long. W, 5° 46.7' Lat. N.COLECTOR J. Betancur, R. Celis, J. Latorre
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Plate 4, *Pitcairnia farinosa* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

- 144.1. *Pitcairnia fluvialis* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio San Luis, Saxicolous on the banks of the Río Samana Norte, canyon below the autohighway Medellín-Bogotá, under the bridge over the same river, 360 m alt., bmlh-T, 5° 59' north latitude, 74° 56' west longitude, 23.VI.1987, *Julio C. Betancur, R. Callejas, A. Arbeláz, H. Correa 469* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. johannis* L.B. Smith, cui verisimiliter affinis, bracteis florigeris late ovatis, pedicellis brevissimis, sepalis multo brevioribus base amplioribus differt.

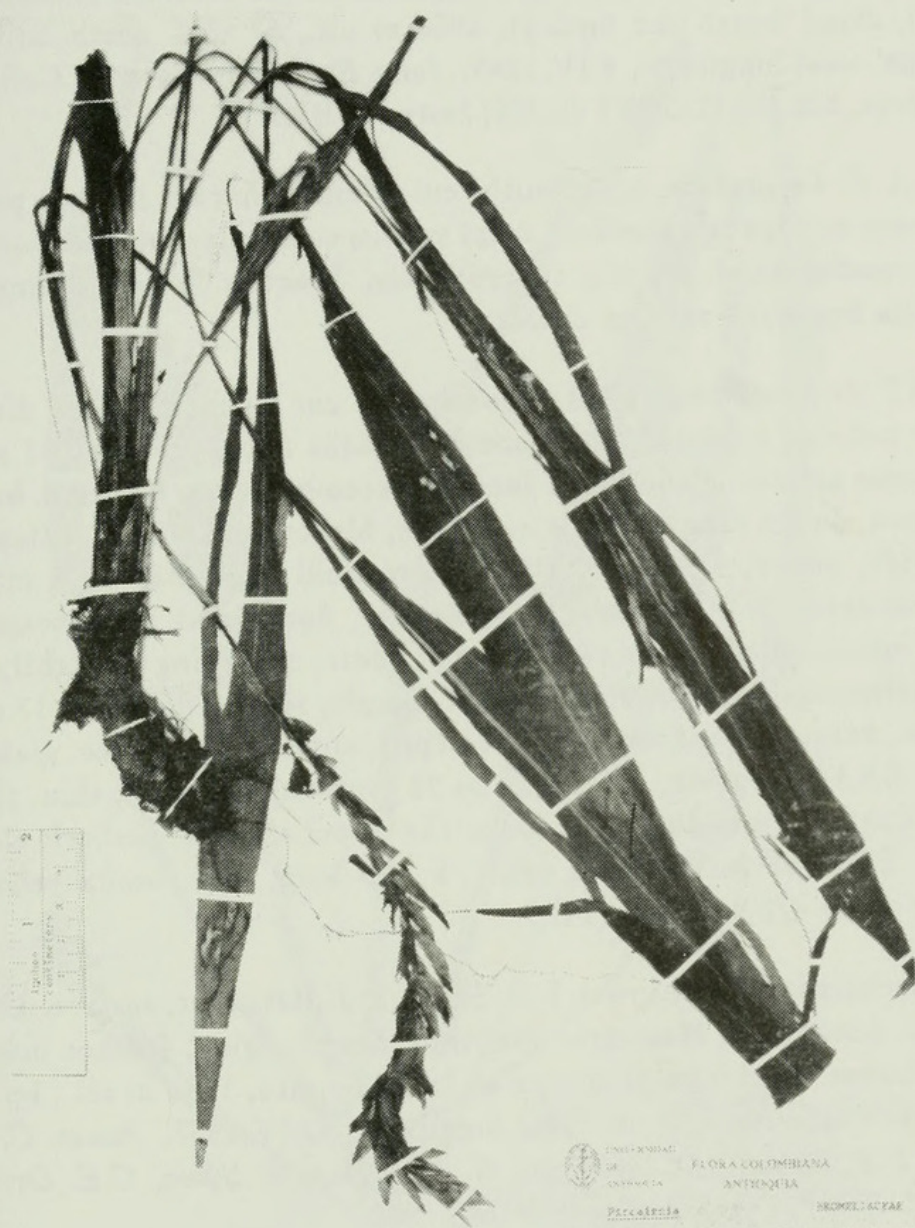
PLANT caespitose (! J. Betancur), flowering 45 cm high. LEAVES all alike, fasciculate, 39 cm long; sheaths suborbicular, 17 mm long, apically castaneous and white lepidote; blades linear, long attenuate, 6 mm wide, glabrous with age, entire. SCAPE erect, slender, pale lepidote; scape bracts erect, the lowest subfoliaceous and imbricate, the highest ovate, acute, shorter than the internodes. INFRUCTESCENCE subclax, 12 cm long, obscurely pale lepidote. FLORAL BRACTS like the upper scape bracts, 9 mm long; pedicels not over 2 mm long. SEPALS linear-lanceolate, acute, 17 mm long, the posterior ones carinate; ovary 4/5 superior; seeds bicaudate. Pl. 5.

- 164.1. *Pitcairnia setipetiola* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio San Luis, Piedra del Castrillón, Cordillera Central, eastern slope, periodical cloud forest, borders and only on the steepest rockfaces, 1300-1700 m alt., 6° 4.30' north latitude, 74° 59.74' west longitude, 17.IX.1988, *J. Betancur, F.J. Roldán, G. Castaño 714* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. semaphora* L.B. Smith, cui affinis, foliorum laminis petiolisque multo angustioribus, bracteis florigeris majoribus suberectis differt.

PLANT abundant (! J. Betancur), caulescent, flowering 54 cm high. LEAVES dimorphic, the outer reduced to ovate, 3 cm long, with floccose sheaths and linear flat setose-serrate blades; the inner foliaceous leaves fascicled below the inflorescence, 65 cm long; inner sheaths as before but inner ones to 12 cm long; blades lance-linear, attenuate, 23 mm wide, entire, narrowed into a rolled quill like petiole 1.5 mm thick, entire. SCAPE 1 mm thick, floccose; scape bracts ovate, apiculate, shorter than the upper internodes. INFLORESCENCE simple, 15 cm long, subdense, finely farinose except the petals. FLORAL BRACTS like the upper scape bracts, nearly equaling the sepals, rose (! J. Betancur). SEPALS lance-oblong, apiculate, 11 mm long, yellow-green (! J. Betancur); petals 17 mm long, white (! J. Betancur); ovary ca. 1/2 superior. Pl. 6.

Plate 5, *Pitcairnia fluvialis* L.B. Smith & Betancur.



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Hierba ruzicula y solo sobre las rocas mas escarpadas de la piedra; abundante y castrifera, escape rojizo con indumento, brácteas filicales cuasas, cáliz verde-amarillo, corola blanca.

Municipio San Luis: Piedra del Castillón, Cordillera Central, Ladera Oriental, bosque nublado periódicamente, 1300-1700 m.s.n.m., bush-PM, 74° 54.74' Long. W; 6° 4.30' Lat. N.

Colectores J. Betancur, F.J. Saldán, G. Castaño
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Plate 6, *Pitcairnia setipetiola* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

- 164.2. *Pitcairnia ventidirecta* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio Sonsón, Páramo de Las Palomas, paved road between La Palmita and Rioverde de los Montes, Cordillera Central, cloud forest and bmh-M, 3000 m alt., 5° 46.2' north latitude, 75° 14.58' west longitude, 8.IV.1988, *Julio Betancur, Ricardo Callejas, Jim Luteyn 552* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. semaphora* L.B. Smith, cui affinis, foliorum laminis petiolisque multo angustioribus, scapi vaginis supremis multo majoribus internodiis haud vel vix superantibus, bracteis florigeris amplis sepala fere obtegentibus differt.

PLANT slenderly caulescent, flowering 54 cm high. LEAVES dimorphic, the outer reduced to ovate long floccose sheaths and linear flat 17 mm long black spinose-serrate blades; the inner foliaceous leaves fascicled below the inflorescence, 36 cm long; sheaths as before, blades lance-linear, attenuate, to 22 mm wide, entire, narrowed into a rolled quill like petiole 1.5 mm thick, spinose-serrulate. SCAPE ascending, slender, floccose at base; scape bracts like outer leaves basally, above elliptic, attenuate, exceeding or slightly shorter than the internodes. INFLORESCENCE simple, secund flowered, 13 cm long, lax at base, dense upward and sterile at apex, sparsely flocculose, glabrescent. FLORAL BRACTS ovate, apiculate, to 20 mm long, inflated, thin, the lower ones equaling and enfolding the sepals, the upper shorter; pedicels slender, 3 mm long. SEPALS lance-ovate, acute, 9 mm long, and corolla yellow (! J. Betancur) ovary 4/5 superior. Pl. 7.

- 169.1. *Pitcairnia gemmipara* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio Frontino, Murri region, further below Alto de Cuevas, road from Nutivara to La Blanquita, 1680 m alt., bp-PM, 6° 4' north latitude, 76° 18' west longitude, 12.IV.1987, *Julian C. Betancur, F.J. Roldán, D. Restrepo, G. Martínez, S. Sylva, C.E. Orrego 419* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. sodiroi* Mez, cui in Flora Neotropica posita, planta caespitosa, foliorum laminis latissime oblanceolatis differt.

PLANT caespitose, flowering 180 cm high, producing shoots from the base. LEAVES fasciculate, to 92 cm long; sheaths ample, over 45 mm long, lustrous castaneous beneath; petioles slender, white lepidote beneath, densely serrate with slender spines 3 mm long; blade broadly oblanceolate, 13.5 cm wide, channeled, pale beneath with minute crossveins, dark above and white lepidote. SCAPE erect, ca. 10 mm thick, densely white lepidote; scape bracts narrowly triangular, long attenuate, much exceeding the internodes, spinose-serrulate. INFLORESCENCE simple, densely cylindric but the sepals largely

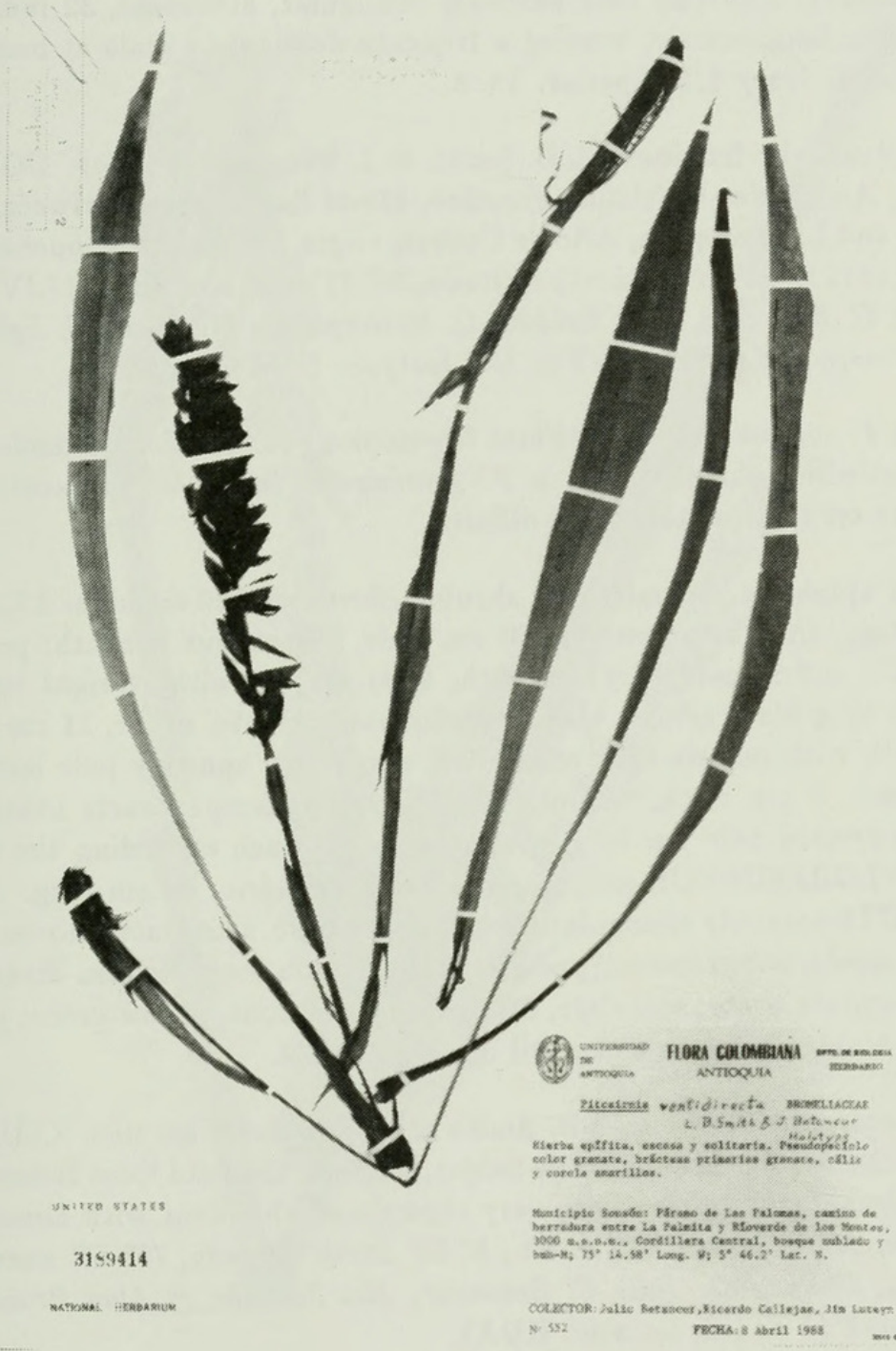


Plate 7, *Pitcairnia ventidirecta* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

exposed, 63 cm long, white tomentose. FLORAL BRACTS narrowly ovate, long attenuate, 3 cm long, thin, sulcate when dry; pedicels stout, 4 mm long; flowers suberect. SEPALS very narrowly triangular, attenuate, 32 mm long; petals 65 mm long, orange, bearing a truncate denticulate scale at base; stamens included; ovary 4/5 superior. Pl. 8.

- 169.2. *Pitcairnia fruticosa* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio Frontino, Murri Region, road between Nutivara and La Blanquita, Alto de Cuevas, virgin forest slightly opened, bp-PM, 1910 m alt., 6° 47' north latitude, 76° 17' west longitude, 17.IV.1987, *Julio C. Betancur, F.J. Roldán, D. Restrepo, G. Martínez, S. Sylva, C. E. Orrego 445* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. sodiroi* Mez, cui in Flora Neotropica posita, foliorum laminis latissime oblanceolatis, a *P. gemmipara* Smith & Betancur, planta epiphytica stolonifera differt.

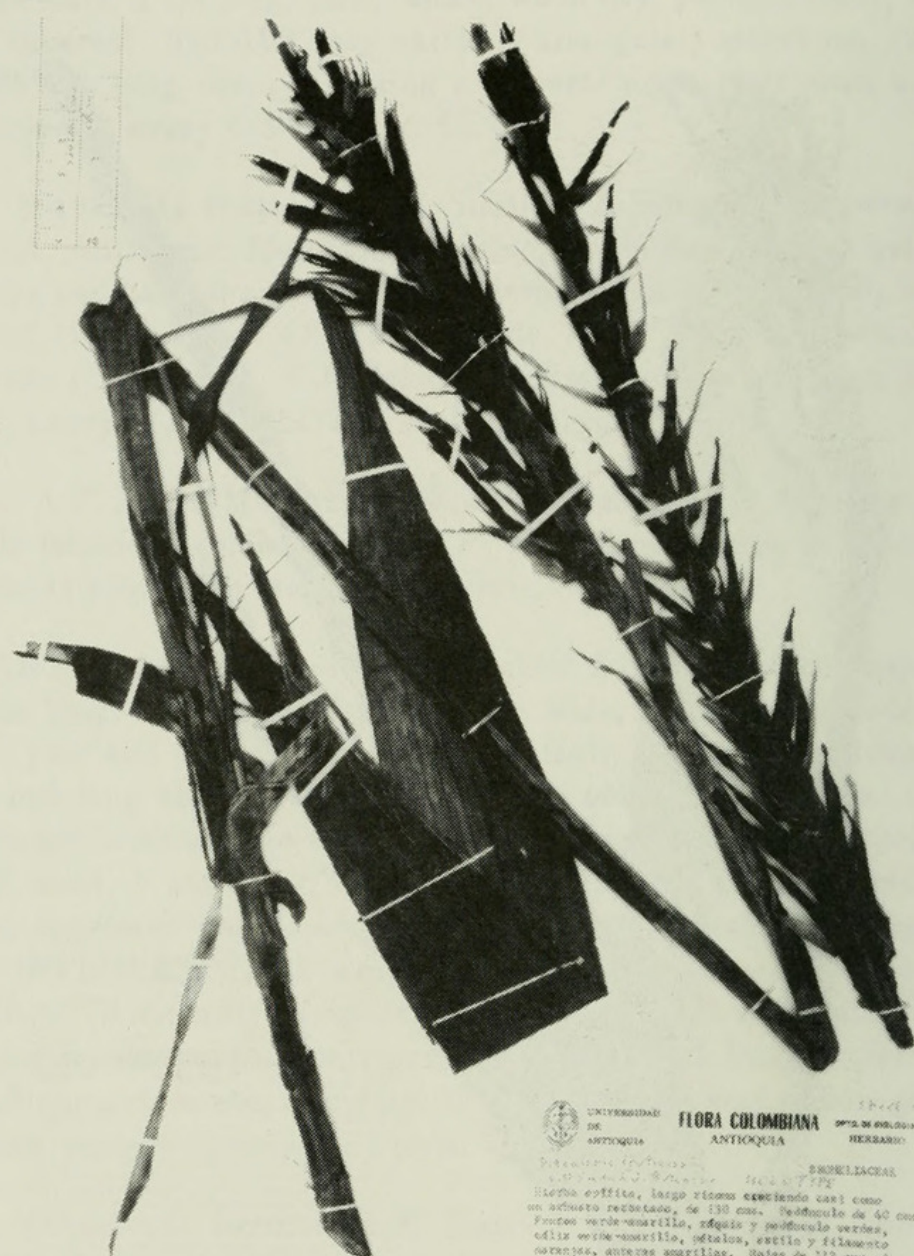
PLANT epiphytic, stoloniferous, shrubby, flowering 130 cm high. LEAVES to 90 cm long; sheaths ample, ca. 60 cm wide, castaneous beneath; petioles slender, pale and sulcate (dry) beneath, laxly serrate with straight spreading 2.5 mm long black spines; blade broadly oblanceolate, acute, 11 cm wide, pale beneath with minute crossveins, dark above and sparsely pale lepidote. SCAPE erect, 1 cm thick, densely white lepidote; scape bracts ovate, attenuate, appressed pale lepidote, spinose-serrate, much exceeding the internodes. INFLORESCENCE simple, subdensely cylindric, 44 cm long. FLORAL BRACTS narrowly triangular from an ovate base, attenuate, shorter than the upper sepals, papyraceous; pedicels stout, 2 mm long; flowers divergent. SEPALS narrowly ovate, apiculate, 38 mm long, glabrous, yellow-green; petals 6 cm long, orange; stamens and pistil included. Pl. 9.

- 176.1. *Pitcairnia formosa* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio de Salgar, 5 km on the road from Bolombolo to Salgar, bs-T, border herb very showy and abundant with almost all individuals in flower, 720 m alt., 5° 55' north latitude, 75° 55' west longitude, 29.IX.1987, *Julio C. Betancur, Jim Zaruchi, & Alan Brant 513* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. brachysperma* André, cui valde affinis, sepalis latioribus late alatis differt.

PLANT known only from fragments, flowering over 67 cm high. LEAVES (only foliaceous known) to 113 cm long; covered beneath with a membrane of fused scales ("white-furfuraceous" Mez), ("cerosided" Betancur); sheaths unknown; blades linear-lanceolate, 2 cm wide, entire; petioles distinct, 1 cm

Plate 8, *Pitcairnia gemmipara* L.B. Smith & Betancur.



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Pitcairnia fruticosa L.B. Smith & Betancur
HERB. TYPE
Hierba epífita, largo rizoma creciendo casi como
un arbusto recubierto, de 130 cm. Pedúnculo de 40 cm.
Flores verde amarillito, sépalos y pedúnculo verdes,
caliz verde-amarillito, pétalos, estilo y filamento
naranja, antenas amarillas. Hojas de 113 cm. de
longitud. Roca frecuente.

Municipio Frontino. Región Surf. Carretera entre
Nariño y La Salamina. Alto de Chumbe. Bosque
primario poco intervenido. 1910 m.s.n.m. Sp-271 a
sp-280. 6° 47' lat. N., 76° 37' long. W.

COLECTOR: Julio C. Betancur, F.J. Roldán, D. Restrepo,
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Plate 9, *Pitcairnia fruticosa* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

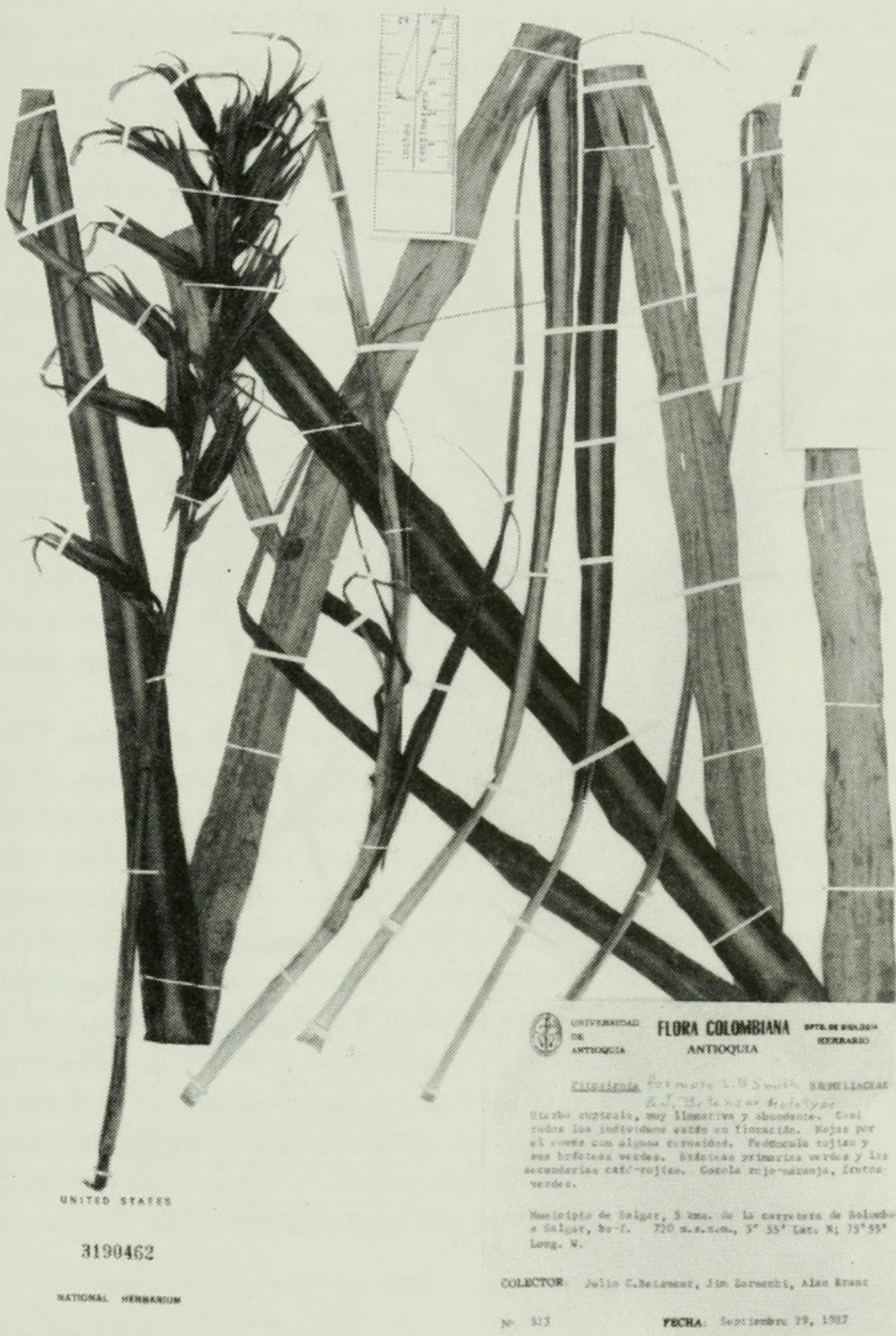


Plate 10, *Pitcairnia formosa* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

Plate 11, *Pitcairnia basincurva* L.B. Smith & Betancur.

wide. SCAPE erect, slender, glabrescent; scape bracts narrowly ovate, attenuate, white vestite with fused scales, only the highest shorter than the internodes. INFLORESCENCE simple, lax, 16 cm long. FLORAL BRACTS ovate, attenuate, exceeding the pedicels, papyraceous, green (! J. Betancur), white vestite with fused scales; pedicels to 12 mm long, angled, more or less vestite. SEPALS lance-oblong, attenuate, 33 mm long, coffee red, the dorsal ones broadly alate; petals ca. 5 cm long, red-orange (! J. Betancur); stamens and stigma enclosed, ovary 4/5 superior. Pl. 10.

216.2. *Pitcairnia basincurva* L.B. Smith & J. Betancur, *sp. nov.* COLOMBIA. Antioquia: Municipio Santo Domingo: 20 km on the road from Barbosa to Yolombó, after El Pescadito Restaurant, abundant on the roadside bank, 1100 m alt., 6° 31' north latitude, 75° 14' west longitude, 19.IX.1987, *Julio C. Betancur, R. Callejas, F.J. Roldán 512* (HOLOTYPE: US; Isotype: HUA).

A *P. abundans* L.B. Smith, cui verisimiliter affinis, scapi bracteis parvis remotis, bracteis florigeris quam pedicellis gracilibus brevioribus differt.

PLANT stemless, flowering 9 dm high. LEAVES polymorphic, the outermost with suborbicular sheaths and flat linear spinose-serrate 25 mm long persistent blades, next above leaves known only by their incurved entire 15 mm wide stubs, and centrally an ovate apiculate sheath developing into foliaceous linear-lanceolate subpetiolate entire blades 56 cm long, 20 mm wide, laxly and finely pale lepidote on both sides. SCAPE straight, slender, sparsely and finely pale lepidote; scape bracts narrowly triangular, attenuate, thin, much shorter than the internodes. INFLORESCENCE simple, laxly racemose, 26 cm long, laxly and finely pale lepidote including the petals. FLORAL BRACTS like the upper scape bracts, about equaling the slender 12 mm long pedicels. SEPALS linear-lanceolate, acute, 29 mm long, strongly asymmetric, basally red, apically yellow; petals white (! J. Betancur), naked, zygomorphic forming a hood over the stamens and stigma; ovary less than half superior. Pl. 11.



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