

A new species of *Campyloneurum* (Polypodiaceae) from northern Peru

Una especie nueva de *Campyloneurum* (Polypodiaceae) del norte del Perú

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Abstract

A new species restricted to the montane forest of Amazonas is recognized as new and described herein.

Keywords: *Campyloneurum*, Polypodiaceae, fern, Peru.

Resumen

Se reconoce y describe como especie nueva una población restringida a los bosques montanos de Amazonas.

Palabras clave: *Campyloneurum*, Polypodiaceae, helecho, Perú.

Introduction

The genus *Campyloneurum* (Polypodiaceae) includes over 50 species distributed from southern USA to northern Argentina (Lellinger 1988; León 1993a, b). This genus includes predominantly entire leaf species (León 1993a). Among Neotropical species, León (1993a) informally recognized the *C. repens* group, which is characterized by long creeping rhizomes, fronds with entire short-petiolate leaves and non-divided areoles. This group was recognized for the Peruvian flora with four species (*C. fasciale* (Willd.) C. Presl, *C. fuscusquamatum* Lellinger, *C. ophiocaulon* (Klotzsch) Fée, and *C. repens* (Aubl.) C. Presl). One interesting population from northern Peru with close affinities to this species group is recognized here as new.

Taxonomy

***Campyloneurum amazonensis* B. León,
*sp. nov.***

(Figure 1a-d)

Type: Peru. Amazonas. ca. 12–18 km trail km E of La Peca in Serranía de Bagua, 1800–1950 m, A.H. Gentry et al. 22930 (**Holotype:** USM; isotypes: AMAZ, F, MO, UC).

Description

Rhizomata longa repentia, 3 mm lata; paleae ca. 2.5 cm anguste lanceolatae, leviter clathratae, apice apiculatae. Frondes 18–35 cm longae. Petioli breves, laminae chartaceae vel sub-coriaceae; venae areolatae, areolae apertae, venae secundae flexuosae, adaxialiter prominulae.

Differt a Campyloneurum repens squamis cellulis luminis flavidis et cellulis parvus.

Rhizome black, 2.5–3 mm wide, rhizome scales lightly brown, spreading, linear-lanceolate, 2.5–3.5 mm long × 0.5–0.7 mm wide, scale base biauriculate, auricles short, slightly clathrate in the center of the scale, cell lumina yellowish and cell walls brown, margins differentiate with non-clathrate cells. Phyllopodia 1 mm long, 2 mm wide, 0.5–1 cm apart. Fronds 18–35 cm long; petiole 0.4–0.9 cm long; lamina 0.8–2.5 (–3 cm) wide, chartaceous-sub coriaceous, apices acuminate, margin cartilaginous, slightly undulate, bases

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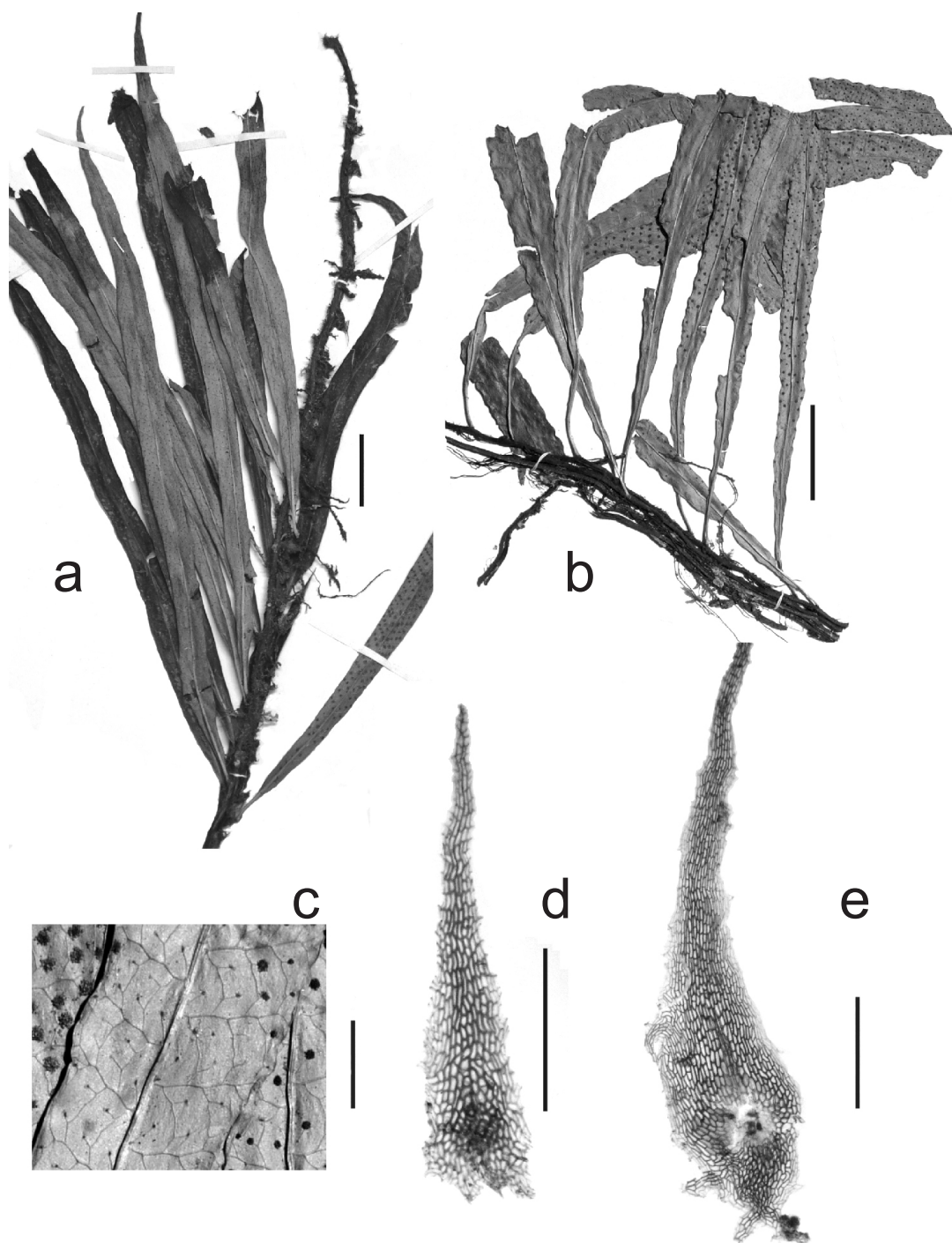


Figure 1. *Campyloneurum amazonensis* B. León, a) Habit of Type specimen (Gentry et al. 22930 USM); b) Broad-leaf specimen (Young & Eisenberg 352a TEX); c) pattern of venation (Young & Eisenberg 352a TEX); d) rhizome scale (Gentry et al. 22930 USM); e) rhizome scale of *Campyloneurum repens* (Aubl.) C. Presl (Vásquez et al. 18776 USM). Measurement bars equivalences: a) 2cm, b) 4cm, c) 1cm, d) and e) 1 mm.

asymmetrical, cuneate, indument of inconspicuous, sparse short hairs abaxially; midrib prominent slightly ranurate adaxially, secondary veins prominulous, slightly flexuosous, 65–70° divergent, 3,5–5 mm apart; 3–5 open areoles between margin and midrib, each non-costal areolae with two free excurrent veinlets, veinlets ending in hydathodes on the upper side; 1 or 2 free veinlets along the margin, fertile or sterile; stomata polocytic. Sori roundish, subterminal on the excurrent veinlet, non-paraphysate; annulus with 15 cells, immature or abortive spores seen.

Additional specimens examined

Peru. Amazonas, Province Bagua, 12 km E of La Peca, 1700 m, 23 June 1978, P.J. Barbour 2487 (F, MO, UC); P.J. Barbour 2495 (F, UC); Province Bongará, N by trail from Pedro Ruiz, 5°49'S, 78°01'W, 2300 m, 31 Aug–2 Sep 1983, Smith & Vásquez 4878 (AMAZ, TEX); 2–4 km west-southwest (245°) of Pomacocha, 2200–2400 m, J.J. Wurdack 844 (F, UC, US, USM); Dist. Sipasbamba, Shilla, 1900 m, 5 May 1981, Young & Eisenberg 352a (MO, NY, TEX).

Comments

Campyloneurum amazonensis is distinguished from *C. repens* by rhizome scales narrowly lanceolate with cells oblong versus narrowly oblong, and less than 20 cells (Fig 1d) versus more than 35 cells in a row immediately above the insertion area (Fig. 1e). In *C. amazonensis*, lamina basis are shortly decurrent.

This new species is known from the montane forests in the Utcubamba-Chiriaco basins, between 1700 and 2400 m elevation. It is represented within the Zona Reservada Cordillera de Colán. It appears to be restricted to Peru.

The following key, based on León (1993b) provides a tool for identifying this new species from others in Peru with non-divided areoles and rhizome scales less than 5 mm long.

1. Cell lumina dark yellow or almost occluded; rhizome scales dark brown, linear.

Campyloneurum fuscosquamatum

1. Cell lumina transparent or yellowish, not occluded; rhizome scales linear-lanceolate or ovate-lanceolate.
2. Apex of rhizome scales obtuse; rhizome diameter usually more than 3 mm wide.

Campyloneurum ophiocaulon

2. Apex of the rhizome scales acuminate; rhizome diameter usually 3mm or less.
3. Rhizome scales with differentiated margins.
4. Rhizome scale bases less than 1 mm wide.

Campyloneurum amazonensis

4. Rhizome scale bases more than 1 mm wide.

Campyloneurum repens

3. Rhizome scales without differentiated margins.
5. Lamina narrowly lanceolate, base long decurrent.

Campyloneurum fasciale

5. Lamina broadly lanceolate, base broad cuneate or short decurrent.

Campyloneurum coarctatum

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