

Two new species of *Ribes* (Grossulariaceae) from Peru

Dos especies nuevas de *Ribes* (Grossulariaceae) de Perú

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Abstract

The genus *Ribes* (Grossulariaceae) has a center of diversity in the tropical Andes, especially in Peru. Several new species have been discovered in recent years and additional collections keep turning up material of undescribed species. In the present study we describe two additional new species, both from the wide-ranging species complex around *Ribes andicola*. *Ribes lambayequensis* comes from a known centre of diversity of the Andean plants, the Amotape-Huancabamba Zone, but represents the first species of the genus from Lambayeque. It differs most obviously from its geographical neighbor *Ribes colandina* by its two-coloured flowers in erect inflorescences (versus uniformly dark red flowers in pendulous racemes in *R. colandina*). The other new species is described from Apurímac and represents the first microendemic species of *Ribes* from this generally poorly explored region. It is a far southern outlier of the *Ribes andicola* group, which otherwise finds its southern range limit in the Department of La Libertad. *Ribes apurimacensis* differs from its closest allies in the *Ribes andicola* group by an exclusively glandular indument (no simple hairs) in combination with smaller leaves, a serrate leaf margin and dark red flowers.

Resumen

El género *Ribes* (Grossulariaceae) tiene un centro de diversidad en los Andes tropicales, especialmente en el Perú. Un número de especies nuevas se describieron en los últimos años y nuevo material sigue agregando novedades taxonómicas. En el presente estudio se describen dos especies nuevas adicionales, ambas de un complejo con amplia distribución afín a *Ribes andicola*. *Ribes lambayequensis* proviene de un centro de diversidad botánica bien documentado, la denominada zona Amotape-Huancabamba, pero representa la primera especie del género en Lambayeque. Difiere claramente de su vecino geográfico *Ribes colandina* en sus flores bicoloras en inflorescencias erguidas (versus flores rojo marrón en inflorescencias péndulas en *R. colandina*). La otra especie nueva se describe de Apurímac y representa la primera especie microendémica de *Ribes* de esta región poco investigada. Es muy distante del resto de la distribución principal del grupo *Ribes andicola*, normalmente restringido a la zona al norte de La Libertad. *Ribes apurimacensis* difiere de sus aliados en el grupo *Ribes andicola* en hojas solamente glandulosas (no pubescentes) en combinación con hojas más pequeñas, márgenes de las hojas serradas (no crenadas) y flores marrón oscuro.

Key words:

Microendemism; Apurimac; Lambayeque; cloud forest; paramo.

Palabras clave:

Microendemismo; Apurímac; Lambayeque; bosque nuboso; páramo.

Introduction

The genus *Ribes* as the only genus in the family Grossulariaceae includes several economically important species in the northern hemisphere, especially western Eurasia. The genus is highly diverse in the northern hemisphere, especially Eastern Asia, but also North America, with a considerable number of species in South America (Janczewski 1907). South American species have been rarely investigated and only in recent decades have they been studied in more detail, leading to the description of a range of new species from Colombia and Ecuador (Freire-Fierro 1998, 2002, 2004; Weigend & Binder 2001a), but also Bolivia (Weigend & Binder 2001b). Our knowledge on Peruvian species had last been summarized by Macbride (1941), and in recent years critical field and herbarium work lead to the recognition of a range of new species (Weigend & Rodriguez 2005; Weigend et al. 2005, 2010). The border region of Ecuador and Peru, the so-called Amotape-Huancabamba Zone, has been shown to be a centre of diversity for the genus (Weigend 2002, 2004) supported by a recent study that identified this region as a global centre of microendemism in the Andes (Mutke et al. 2014). In Peru, representatives of the genus *Ribes* are particularly common at the upper margins of cloud forest and in forest islands in the paramo and puna vegetations, typically well above 3000 m of altitude. The *Ribes andicola*-group (Weigend et al. 2005) – as previously known – range from Venezuela and Colombia to northern Peru, and it finds its southern range limit in the Department of La Libertad with *Ribes colandina* Weigend. Ongoing fieldwork and examination of specimens in Peruvian herbaria have now yielded another two new species of the genus from Peru, both of which are allied to the *Ribes andicola*-group (Weigend et al. 2005). Field studies in the Department of Lambayeque in 2014 yielded material of a new species that is clearly allied to this group. Additionally, studies of specimens kept in the herbarium of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima (USM) has also yielded a new species clearly belonging to this group from Apurímac. The two new species are here described and their affinities to the *Ribes andicola*-complex discussed.

Material and methods

A total of 10 *Ribes* specimens from the collections of BONN and USM herbaria were analyzed. Bud scales, leaves, inflorescences, flowers, bracts, bracteoles and fruits of the specimens were measured. The leaf trichome cover was studied under the stereomicroscope.

Results

The two new species described here are morphologically similar to the species of *Ribes andicola* group, sharing the medium-sized, three- to obscurely five-lobed leaves and many-flowered inflorescences with short, cyathiform to shortly campanulate flowers typical of this group. The specimens from Lambayeque and Apurímac clearly differs from the previously described species in a number of characters, which are summarized in Ta-

ble 1. The specimens here assigned to the new species *R. lambayequensis* differ from its geographical neighbor *R. colandina* by erect inflorescences with up to 27 (30) flowers versus pendulous inflorescences with up to 50 flowers and yellow to pale orange calyx lobes on a red hypanthium versus uniformly dark red flowers in *R. colandina*. Erect inflorescences are otherwise only found in *R. austroecuadorensis* from the northernmost part of Cajamarca and Ecuador, but that species differs clearly by cuneate leaf bases (vs. cordate in *R. lambayequensis*) and a glandular indument (eglandular in *R. lambayequensis*). Similarly, the specimens here assigned to the new species *R. apurimacensis* differ clearly in indument: This species lacks simple trichomes, but the leaves are covered with (often minutely) stalked glands on both leaf surfaces. The only species similar in that respect is the microendemic species *R. contumazensis* from Cajamarca, which differs in having glands only on the veins on the abaxial leaf surface. The other species of this group – *R. colandina*, *R. andicola* and *R. lambayequensis* – have adaxially eglandular leaves and sessile glands on their abaxial surfaces and are pubescent from simple trichomes at least abaxially. Also, with the lamina only 12–26 × 14–32 mm the leaves of *R. apurimacensis* are smaller than those of any other species of this complex.

Taxonomic treatment

Ribes lambayequensis Weigend, sp. nov.

Figures 1, 2, 3

Type: PERU, Lambayeque, Prov. Ferreñafe, Road Incahuasi to Sinchihual and Tungula, 6°12'7.7"S, 79°17'57.7"W, 2897 m, 24 November 2014, Weigend et al. 9661 (holotype USM!, isotype BONN!).

Erect or lianescent shrub ca. 3 m high; bark matt brown or whitish, eglandular, glabrous to pubescent with unicellular white hairs (ca. 0.1 – 0.3 mm long) especially on young shoots. Bud scales ovate, apex acute, 1.5–3(–6) mm long and 2–4 mm wide, finely pubescent with many simple individual small white hairs with sessile glands located dorsally. Leaves deciduous; petiole 8–29 mm long; slightly dilated in the stipular region with many glandular trichomes, glandular with long stalked with trichomes glands (1–3 mm) restricted to the margin, densely tomentose with simple curly white hairs (ca. 0.5–0.7 mm long). Lamina subcircular, 10–44 mm long, 11–51 mm wide; distinctly three lobed with central lobe slightly longer (1.5 ×) than lateral lobes, lateral and central lobes triangular-ovate, free portion of central lobe 4–12–19(–25) mm long, 5–14–19(–23) mm wide, lateral lobes up to 9 × 13 mm, incisions between lobes ½ of leaf length; margin serrate; leaf base cordate; adaxial surface subglabrous with scattered simple individual hairs ca. 0.1 mm long, eglandular; abaxial surface densely tomentose with simple individual curly white hairs ca. 0.4–1 mm long, with few sessile glands. Inflorescence terminal on brachyblasts, racemes stiffly erect, 40–94 mm long in flower with 11–27 flowers each (male and female);

Table 1. Comparison of characters in species of *Ribes andicola* group.

Stucture		<i>R. lambayequensis</i>	<i>R. apurimacensis</i>	<i>R. colandina</i>	<i>R. andicola</i>	<i>R. sanchezii</i>	<i>R. contumazensis</i>	<i>R. austroecuadoreense</i>
Habit		erect or lianescent shrub	erect shrub	shrub	shrub to small treelet or subscandent	shrub	shrub	low, prostrate shrub
Bark	indument	glabrous to pubescent	glabrous	very densely to moderately tomentose	pilose	sparsely pubescent to glabrous	glabrous	pilose
	glands	none	sessile, a few minutely stalked glands	scattered sessile glands esp. on young shoots	sessile glands throughout	none	scattered stalked glands	sessile to sessile throughout
Lamina	outline	widely ovate to sub-circular	subcircular	widely ovate to sub-circular	ovate or subcircular	ovate to elliptical	subcircular	ovate
	lobes	3-lobed	3- to obscurely 5-lobed	distinctly 3- to 5-lobed	unlobed or 3-lobed	subentire, or with two very small lateral lobes	3-lobed	(obscurely) 3-lobed
	base	cordate	cordate	rounded to deeply cordate	truncate to obtuse	base cuneate, rarely truncate	subcordate, rarely truncate	cuneate
	Lamina (mm)	10-44 × 11-51	12-26 × 14-32	35-90 × 30-100	15-30(-55) × (9-)15-20(-45)	40-65 × 30-50	25-30 × 25-30	17-50 × 10-30
	Lamina margin	serrate	serrate	irregularly serrate to lobulate	biserrate	irregularly lobulate	irregularly lobulate	serrate
adaxial surface	indument	subglabrous	glabrous	subglabrous	glabrous	subglabrous	subglabrous	pilose
	glands	none	stalked, few	none	none	none	none	sessile to sessile
abaxial surface	indument	densely tomentose	glabrous	densely to very densely pubescent	pilose	densely short pubescent	glabrous	pilose
	glands	sessile	minutely stalked glands and stalked glands on margin	none, or scattered sessile glands	sessile glands	none	scattered stalked glands, esp. on primary and secondary veins	sessile to sessile
Inflorescence	orientation	erect	pendulous	pendulous	pendulous	pendulous	pendulous	erect
	flower number	Nov-27	14-28	(10-)30-50	Jul-24	30-50	15-25	26-28
	length (mm)	40-94	28-70	40-80 (-120)	(20-)30-70 (-125)	80-130	30-50	50-110
Flower	colour	hypanthium dark red, calyx lobes and petals orange or yellow	dark red	dark red	hypanthium dark red, calyx lobes and petals orange or yellow	dark red	brownish yellow	externally pale green to pinkish tinged to purple
	glands on hypanthium	minutely stalked	none	none	sessile	1-5, stalked	1 5, stalked	sessile

peduncle 11 – 25 mm long, tomentose with many white simple individual curly hairs, glandular with scattered stalked and sessile glands; pedicels 1–1.5 mm long, ca. 1 – 2 mm apart in open flowers, covered with many simple individual curly white hairs; bracts lance-ovate and apex acute, ca. 1.5 – 2.5 mm long, 1 mm wide, with many simple individual white hairs, eglandular; bracteoles lance-ovate and apex acute, 1 mm long, tomentose with many simple individual white hairs. Flowers bowl-shaped, 3 – 4.5 mm long and 2 – 4 mm wide, corolla yellowish orange to dark red; hypanthium 1 – 2 mm long, covered with very few simple individual white hairs and scattered minute stalked glands especially toward the ovarian portion; calyx lobes widely ovate and apex acute, reflexed, 1.5 – 2.5 mm long, 1 – 1.5 mm wide, tomentose covered with many simple small white hairs restricted only to the abaxial surface; petals narrowly oblong and apex truncate to rounded, ca. 1 mm long; stamens 5, filaments and anthers 0.5 mm long, longitudinal dehiscence, style apically bifid; ovary inferior, fused with hypanthium. Fruit a berry, spherical, ca. 4.5 – 6 mm in diameter, subglabrous with very few simple individual hairs, and with scattered minute stalked glands; perianth remnants ca. 1 mm long.

Distribution and Habitat: The new species is currently known only from a single locality in the department of Lambayeque in the Province of Ferreñafe, where also is present *R. colandina*. The type collection comes from the remnants of cloud forest and subparamo vegetation at an elevation of ca. 2900 m.

Phenology: The flowering material was collected in November and the species likely flowers just before the beginning of the rainy season like most Andean species of the genus.

Etymology: The specific epithet is derived from Lambayeque, the name of the Peruvian department where the type collection came from.

Relationships: *Ribes lambayequensis* is clearly a member of the *Ribes andicola* group (Table 1), but can be immediately distinguished by its erect inflorescences with 11 – 27 flowers with reflexed calyx lobes contrasting with the pendulous inflorescences with porrect calyx lobes of *R. andicola* and *R. colandina*. Also, this species is distinguished from the other members of its group by its subcircular lamina (10 – 44 mm long, 11 – 51 mm wide) and consistently three-lobed leaves (Table 1). In addition, the new species here described differs in details of the indumentum, gland cover, and leaf morphology (Table 1). *R. lambayequensis* has eglandular bark in contrast to *R. colandina* and *R. andicola* with glandular bark. *Ribes lambayequensis* presents clearly three-lobed leaves, with cordate bases. Conversely, *R. colandina* has three- to five-lobed leaves, with a rounded to deeply cordate leaf base. The leaves of *R. andicola* are unlobed or three-lobed leaves with a truncate to obtuse base (Table 1). Also, *R. lambayequensis* has minutely stalked glands in the hypanthium versus *R. andicola* with sessile glands.

Specimens examined: PERU: Lambayeque: Prov. Ferreñafe, Road Incahuasi to Sinchihual and Tungula,

remnants of cloud forest and subparamo vegetation in river valley after Sinchihual, 2897 m, 6°12'7.7"S, 79°17'57.7"W, 24 November 2014, M. Weigend, et al. 9662 (BONNI, USM, HUT); Road Incahuasi to Sinchihual and Tungula, 2897m, 6°12'7.7"S, 79° 17'57.7"W, 24 November 2014, M. Weigend et al. 9661 (BONNI, USM, HUT).

***Ribes apurimacensis* Weigend, sp. nov.**

Figures 4, 5

Type: PERU, Apurímac, Prov. Andahuaylas, District of Pampachiri, Qenta, 2500 m, January 2004, L. Vargas, G. Mora 194 (holotype USM!)

Shrub; bark matt brown to bright gray, glandular young with sessile and few minutely stalked glands, glabrous. Bud scales ovate, apex obtuse, 4–10 mm long and 3–5 mm wide, glabrous and slightly glandular with scattered and very few minutely stalked glands located on margin. Leaves deciduous; petiole 9 –20 mm long; dilated in the stipular region; glabrous, glandular with many long-stalked glands (0.6 – 1.5 mm) restricted to the margin, scattered and few minutely stalked, and sessile glands (ca. 0.1 mm). Lamina subcircular, 12 – 26 mm long, 14 – 32 mm wide; three- to obscurely five-lobed, in case of five-lobed the lateral lobes towards the base poorly developed, central lobe slightly longer (1.2 – 1.3 ×) than lateral lobes, lateral and central lobes triangular, free portion of central lobe 6 – 12 mm long, 6 – 12 mm wide, lateral lobes up to 9 × 8 mm, incisions between lobes ½ of leaf length; margin serrate; leaf base cordate; adaxial surface glabrous, glandular with few stalked; abaxial surface glabrous, glandular with stalked glands restricted to the margins. Inflorescence terminal on brachyblasts, racemes pendulous, 28 – 70 mm long in flower with 14 – 28 flowers; peduncle 10 – 12 mm long, glabrous, glandular with scattered subsessile and minutely stalked glands; pedicels up to 1 mm long, ca. 1 mm apart in open flowers, glabrous; bracts oblong and apex obtuse to rounded, ciliate, ca. 3 – 4 mm long, 1 – 1.5 mm wide, glabrous, glandular with minutely stalked restricted to the margin; bracteoles ovate and apex acute, ciliate, 1.5 mm long, glabrous, glandular with minutely stalked glands restricted to the margin. Flowers bowl-shaped, 3 – 4.5 mm long and 3.5 – 4.5 mm wide, corolla dark red; hypanthium 1 – 1.5 mm long, glabrous and eglandular; calyx lobes oblong and apex acute, reflexed, ca. 1.5 – 2 mm long, 1 – 1.5 mm wide, glabrous; petals oblong and apex truncate, ca. up to 1 mm long; stamens 5, filaments 0.5 – 0.6 mm long and anthers 0.4 – 0.5 mm long, longitudinal dehiscence, style deeply bifid; ovary inferior, fused with hypanthium. Fruit unknown.

Distribution: This new species is currently only known from a single locality in Peru in the Department of Apurímac, in the Province Andahuaylas at an elevation of 2500 m.

Phenology: The type specimen was collected flowering in April.

Etymology: The specific epithet is derived from Apu-

rímac, the name of the Peruvian department where the type collection came from.

Relationships: This new species is evidently morphologically allied to *R. colandina* and *R. lambayequensis*, the other new species described here (Table 1). *Ribes apurimacensis* can be distinguished from the other species of this group by its lack of simple trichomes (Table 1). The leaves of *R. apurimacensis* possess sessile and

two sizes of stalked glands on their adaxial and abaxial surfaces, which distinguishes it from the other species of the group apart from *Ribes contumazensis* (for differences see Table 1).

Examined specimen: PERU: Apurímac: Prov. Andahuaylas, District of Pampachiri, Qenta, 2500 m, January 2004, L. Vargas & G. Mora 194 (USM!).

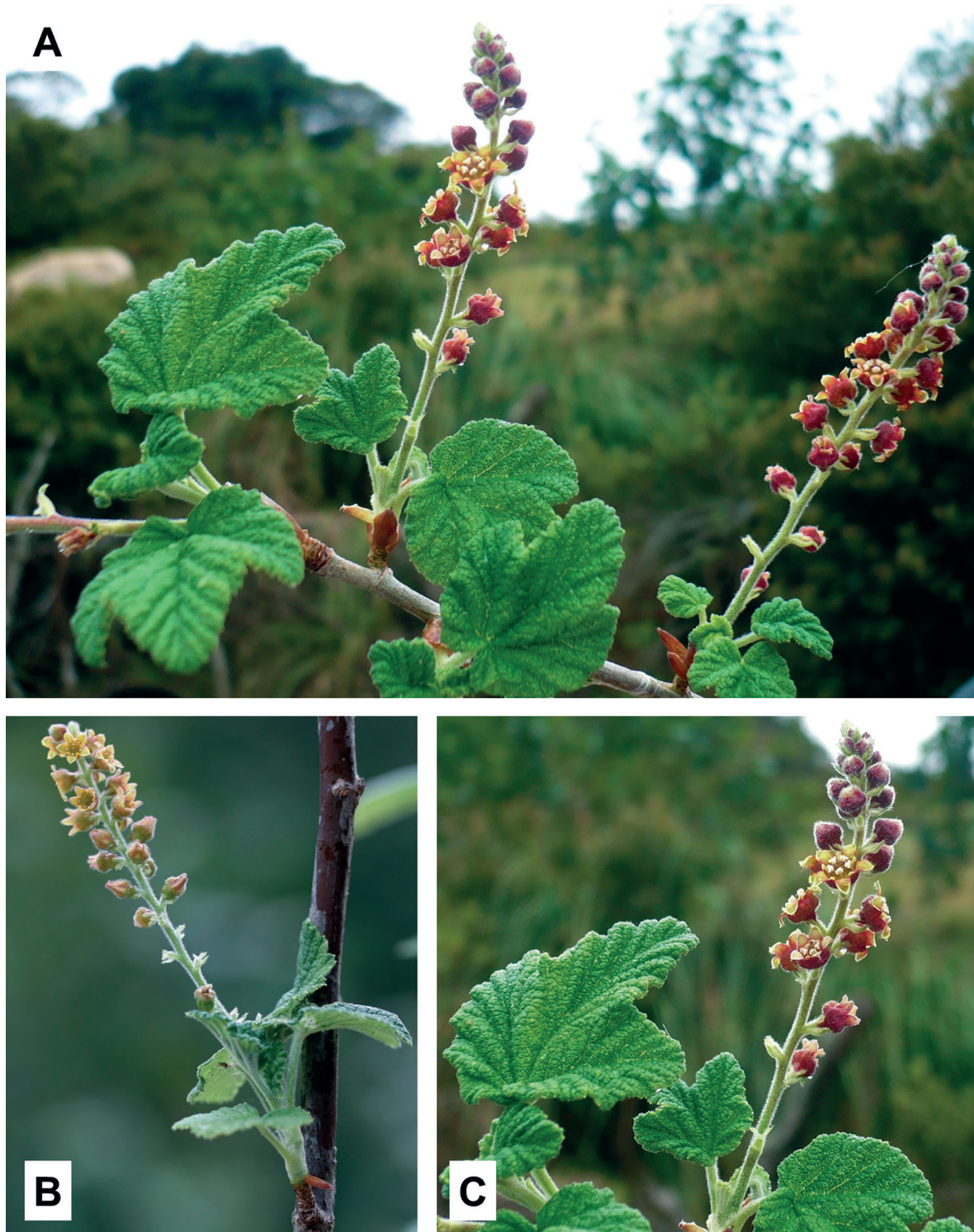


Figure 1. *Ribes lambayequensis* inflorescence, flowers with red to reddish-green hypanthia and calyx lobes and petals yellow to orange. A, C. male flowering branches, note the conspicuous anthers and the poorly developed inferior ovary (Weigend et al. 9661, USM, BONN). B. female inflorescences, note the rudimentary anthers and well-developed inferior ovary (Weigend et al. 9662, USM, BONN).

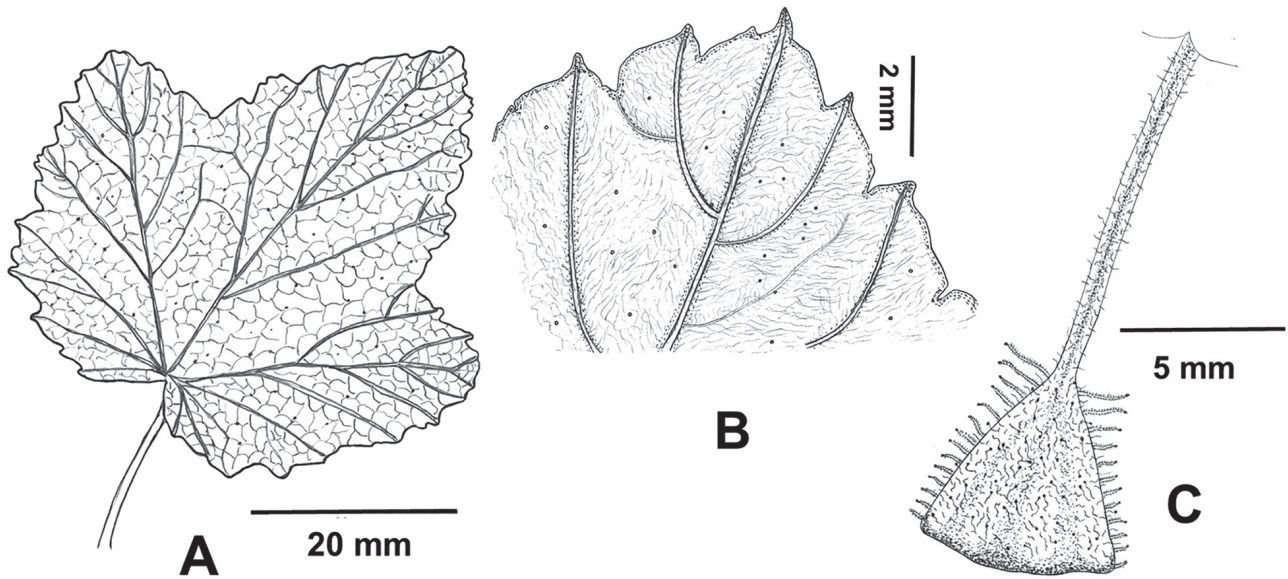


Figure 2. Leaf morphology of *Ribes lambayequensis*. **A.** Distinctively three-lobed, subcircular lamina. **B.** Densely tomentose abaxial surface with scattered sessile glands. **C.** Basally widened petiole, stipular region with numerous stalked glands. (**A–C:** Weigend 9661, BONN).

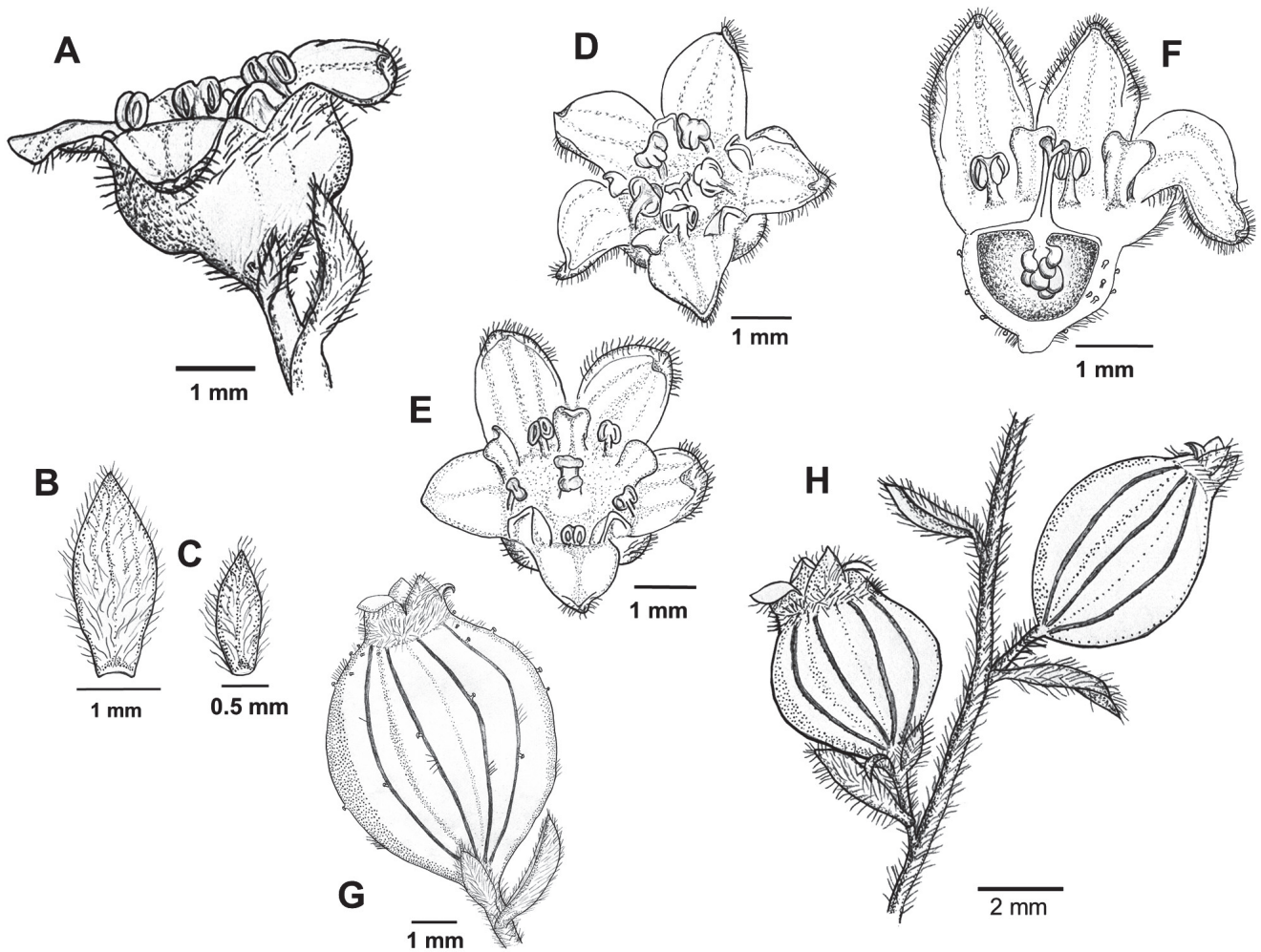


Figure 3. *Ribes lambayequensis* flowers and fruit. **A, D.** Male flower. **B–C.** Bract and bracteole (Weigend 9661, BONN). **D, F.** Female flower (Weigend 9662, BONN). **G–H.** Immature fruit with, minutely stalked glands (Weigend 9662, BONN).

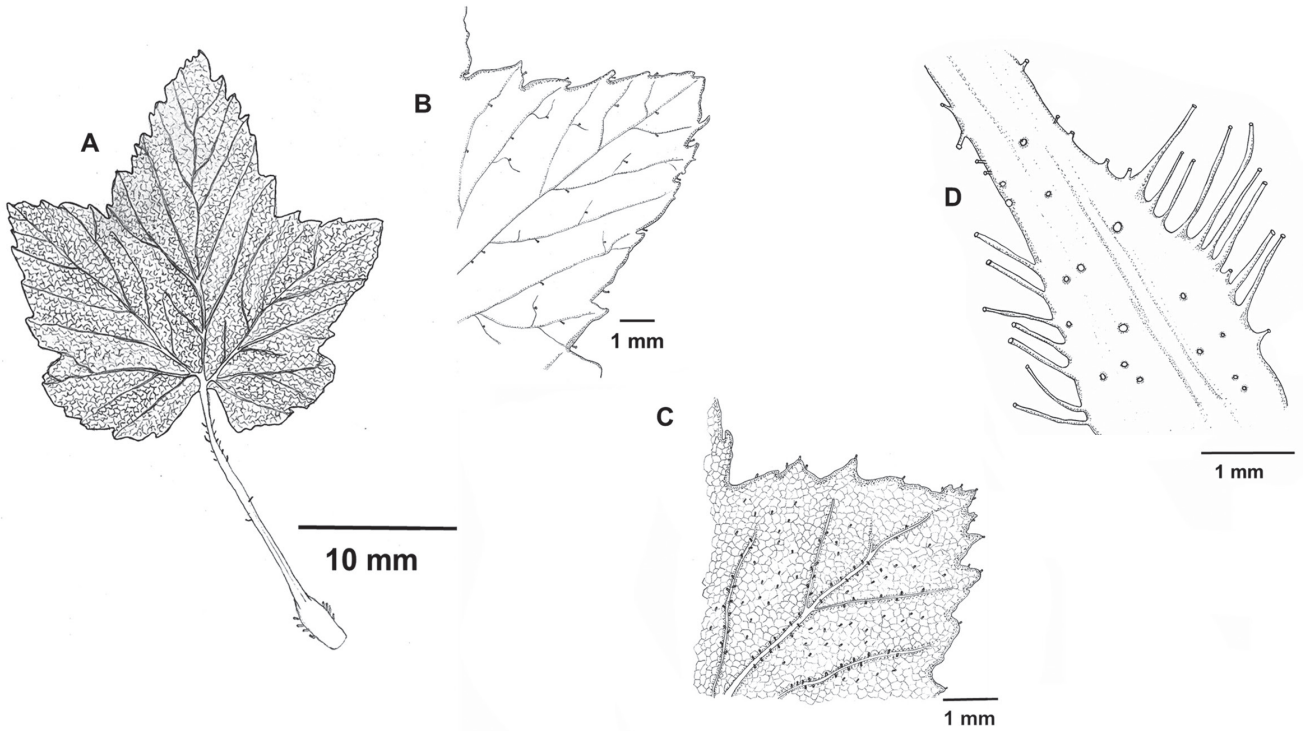


Figure 4. *Ribes apurimacensis* leaf. **A.** Subcircular, obscurely five-lobed leaf. **B.** Adaxial surface of individual leaf lobe with scattered stalked glands. **C.** Abaxial surface of individual leaf lobe with (minutely) stalked glands. **D.** Basally widened petiole, stipular region with three type of glands (minutely stalked, long stalked and sessile glands) (all Vargas & Mora 194, USM).

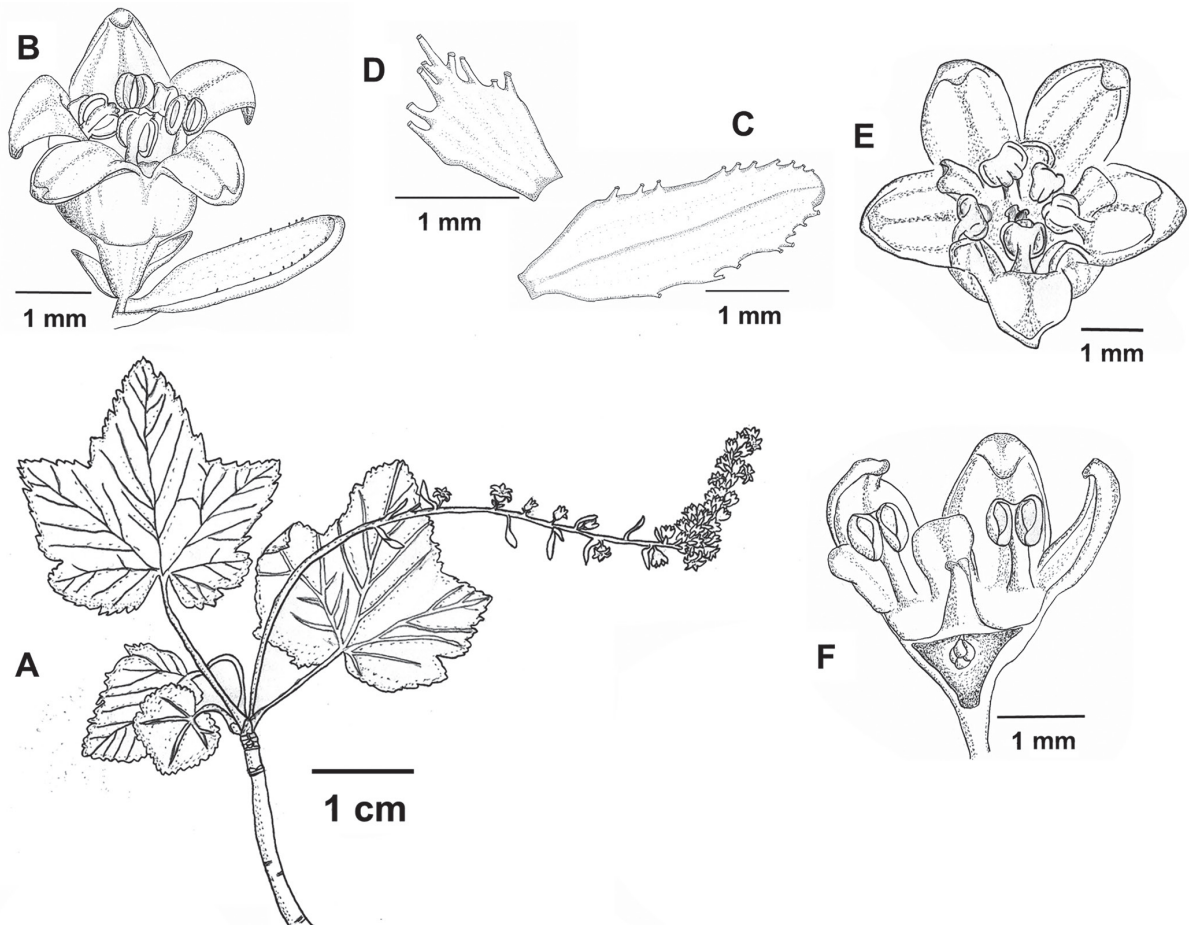


Figure 5. *Ribes apurimacensis*. **A.** Flowering brachyblast. **B, E.** male flower with conspicuously developed anthers. **C–D.** ciliate bract and bracteole. **F.** longitudinal section of the flower showing the oblong petals with truncate apex, and the inferior ovary fused with the hypanthium (all from Vargas & Mora 194, USM, BONN!).

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