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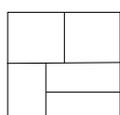
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## AN UPDATE OF THE GENUS *ETLINGERA* (ZINGIBERACEAE) IN SULAWESI INCLUDING THE DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES

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### ABSTRACT

ARDIYANI, M. & POULSEN, A. D. 2019. An update of the genus *Etilingera* (Zingiberaceae) in Sulawesi including the description of a new species. *Reinwardtia* 18(1): 31–42. — A new species, *Etilingera mamasarum* A.D.Poulsen & Ardiyani was discovered in Gunung Gandangdewata National Park, West Sulawesi. It is similar to *Etilingera flexuosa* A.D.Poulsen but differs in having flowers which are shorter than the bracts. It is described, illustrated and DNA barcoded. Three additional species (*Etilingera cylindrica* A.D.Poulsen, *E. grallata* A.D.Poulsen, *E. spinulosa* A. D.Poulsen) were documented in this national park and represent new records for West Sulawesi Province. We also update information on the morphology of *E. calobates* A.D.Poulsen, correct an error in the typification of *Alpinia chrysogynia* (K.Schum.) K.Schum. and discuss the distribution of the Ahasma Group of *Etilingera* east of Wallace's Line.

**Key words:** DNA barcoding, *Etilingera calobates*, *E. mamasarum*, *E. megalochelios*, Indonesia, Zingiberales.

### ABSTRAK

ARDIYANI, M. & POULSEN, A. D. 2019. Perbaruan data marga *Etilingera* (Zingiberaceae) di Sulawesi termasuk pertelaan jenis baru. *Reinwardtia* 18(1): 31–42. — Jenis baru *Etilingera mamasarum* A.D.Poulsen & Ardiyani telah ditemukan di Taman Nasional Gunung Gandangdewata, Sulawesi Barat. Jenis baru ini mirip dengan *Etilingera flexuosa* A.D.Poulsen tetapi berbeda dalam karakter bunga yang lebih pendek dari braktea. Jenis baru tersebut dipertelakan, diilustrasikan dan dilakukan barkoding DNA. Tiga jenis lainnya (*Etilingera cylindrica* A.D.Poulsen, *E. grallata* A.D.Poulsen, *E. spinulosa* A.D.Poulsen) telah didokumentasikan dan merupakan rekaman baru untuk provinsi Sulawesi Barat. Informasi morfologi *E. calobates* A.D.Poulsen telah diperbaharui, kesalahan tipifikasi *Alpinia chrysogynia* (K.Schum.) K.Schum. telah dikoreksi dan informasi persebaran *E. megalochelios* (Griff.) A.D.Poulsen di timur garis Wallace didiskusikan dalam tulisan ini.

**Kata Kunci:** Barkoding DNA, *Etilingera calobates*, *E. mamasarum*, *E. megalochelios*, Indonesia, Zingiberales.

### INTRODUCTION

A recent revision of the genus *Etilingera* (Zingiberaceae) in Sulawesi by Poulsen (2012) included 48 taxa. The focus of that study was to revisit type localities in Sulawesi in 2008–2009 to obtain a better understanding of the morphology of the species. As several types, mostly made by Sarasin & Sarasin, and deposited in Berlin, had been lost during the Second World War, several neotypes were designated by making use of the 80 collections made during that fieldwork (Poulsen, 2012).

In 2016, an expedition to Gunung Gandangdewata, West Sulawesi was carried out by the Research Center for Biology, the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) to conduct a biodiversity inventory (Achmadi *et al.*, 2018). West Sulawesi Province does not contain any type localities of gingers and has been poorly explored.

As a result of the expedition, useful ginger collections were made including a species of *Etilingera* that did not key out in Poulsen (2012). The present paper includes a full description of this new species as well as sequencing its DNA barcoding markers *rbcL*, *matK*, ITS and *trnH-psbA*. In addition, some new records from West Sulawesi are added, and the fruit of *E. calobates* recently collected by Wisnu Ardi at Nokilalaki is described. Moreover, the distribution of *E. megalochelios* is discussed in relation to the new publication of Trimanto and Hapsari (2018).

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Four DNA barcode regions, *rbcL*, *matK*, the nuclear Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS), and *trnH-psbA* were successfully sequenced from the Type material and deposited in the NCBI GenBank (Table 2). DNA extraction, amplification and

sequencing followed Kress *et al.* (2002) and Kress & Erickson (2007). Morphological observations were made using living collections in the wild and herbarium specimens in BO and E. Measurements were made using a ruler and a calibrated eye piece under a dissecting microscope.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. ***Etilingera mamasarum*** A.D.Poulsen & Ardiyani, *spec. nov.*—Type: Indonesia, West Sulawesi Province, Mamasa, Rantepongko Village, Gunung Gandangdewata, 02°52'53.1"S, 119°22'57.0"E, 1,642 m, flowering and fruiting, 21 April 2016, *M. Ardiyani with W. Santoso, Obet, Ama, A. Kartonegoro, D. Wulansari Sulbar 004* (Holotype: BO!; iso E!), Fig. 1, 2 & 3. DNA barcoding in Table 2.

**Diagnosis.** Similar to *Etilingera flexuosa* A.D. Poulsen but differs in the length of the flowers which are shorter than the bracts, the longer petiole (45–55 mm in *E. mamasarum* vs 10–40 mm in *E. flexuosa*), the length to width ratio of the lamina (3.5–4 vs 4.2–5.6), the shape of the base of the lamina (rounded to cordate vs cuneate to auriculate), the size of the fertile bract (5.5–7 × 2.5–3.3 cm vs 2–5 × 0.6–2.5 cm), the position of the pedicel (4 mm stalk above the bracteole vs 1–4 mm below bracteole), the longer bracteole (3.6 cm vs 1.7–3 cm), the apices of the calyx spreading laterally to opposite sides of the flower (vs pointed straight forward), and the shape and size of the labellum (unevenly panduriform, 20–21 × 16 mm vs ovate, 17–22 × 14–20 mm).

*Rhizome* short-creeping, 2.5 cm across (when dry), golden-brown sericeous, rhizome scales to 3.5 cm long, yellowish brown, apex mucronate; stilt roots absent. *Leafy shoots* to 3.75 m long, in loose clump: ca. 16 cm between neighbouring leafy shoots, with ± 13 leaves per shoot; base to 6 cm across, yellowish brown, pubescent at very base; sheath yellowish brown or brown, striate, glabrous, margin glabrous; ligule to 2.7–3.1 cm long, entire, apex truncate to slightly emarginate, blackish brown, hirsute especially towards margin; petiole to 4.5–5.5 cm long, glabrous, dark green tinged dark brown; lamina narrowly ovate, to 35.5–80 × 10–19.5 cm, length to width ratio 3.5–4, dark green with yellowish green midrib, light green beneath, glabrous throughout; base rounded to cordate, oblique; margin densely hirsute; apex acuminate. *Flowering shoot* 15–17 cm long, erect, with ca. 80 flowers, up to 4 open at a time; peduncle 10.5 cm long, peduncular bracts to 3.5 × 1.5 cm, acute, mucronate, yellowish brown; spike (including flowers) 8 × 5.5 cm, flowers reaching to 0.5 cm below the supporting bracts; sterile bracts: lower to 2.5 cm wide, yellowish brown with shiny

mucronate apex, apex acute, glabrous; fertile bracts 5.5–7 × 2.5–3.3 cm, broadly spatulate to obovate, apex blunt or mucronate to 3 mm, light yellow tinged brown, pubescent to velutinous towards apex; pedicel absent (ca. 4 mm stalk between bracteole and ovary); bracteole 3.6 cm long, rigid, light brown, with two fissures: 1.2 cm adaxially, 1.8 cm abaxially, densely pubescent especially in lower half, apex bilobed, each mucronate to 1 mm, reaching 5 mm below apex of calyx. Flower ca. 5.6 cm long; calyx ca. 3.3 cm long, reaching 3–4 mm above base of stamen and 9–11 mm short of apex of corolla lobes, pinkish white, with 3 fissures of 0.3–0.6 cm, pubescent in lower half, apex 3-toothed; two pointed, spreading laterally to opposite sides of the flower; corolla tube 2.9 cm long, pink, glabrous, tube inside glabrous; lobes pinkish white, yellow green towards apex, glabrous, reaching 4 mm short of apex of anther; dorsal lobe 22 × 6 mm, spatulate, cucullate; lateral lobes 22 × 3.5 mm, spatulate, cucullate, attached straight to the tube, inserted 0–1 mm below dorsal lobe; staminal tube 9 mm long, pink; labellum unevenly panduriform, 20–21 × 16 mm, pinkish white with yellowish green tinge, margin lined with dark pink towards apex, glabrous, lateral lobes involute, forming a semi-tube widest in middle, narrowing towards apex, margin enclosing most of stamen, central lobe slightly bilobed, margin unevenly serrate, recurved, extending 3.5 mm (when flattened) beyond anther; stamen 16 mm long; filament 9 × 4 mm, pink; anther 7 × 4 mm, slightly broader at base, angled erect, pink, anther crest slightly bilobed; thecae dehiscent for ca. 4 mm from 2 mm above base, sericeous; ovary 8 × 5 mm, sericeous, stalked 4 mm, cream yellow; epigynous gland 6 mm long, cylindrical, bilobed, split to base adaxially, half from apex on opposite side, glabrous; style 4.5 cm long, with scattered hairs in upper 6 mm; stigma 1.8 mm wide, white, club-shaped, ostiole transverse elliptic ca. 1.5 mm, facing forwards. Infructescence above ground, head 14 × 12 cm, bracts and bracteoles rigid and persistent, calyx partly persistent, with about 50 fruits per head; pedicel to 0.9 cm long, fruit 3 × 2.5 cm, round, with soft spines in upper third, spines to 4 mm long, curved, pubescent, especially in upper part; seeds immature, 4–4.5 × 3.5–4 mm including aril.

**Distribution.** So far known only from the type locality at Gunung Gandangdewata.

**Habitat & Ecology.** Grows in primary forest on a moderate slope not far from river at about 1,700 m.

**Etymology.** The epithet honours the people of Mamasa, West Sulawesi, where the new species was found.

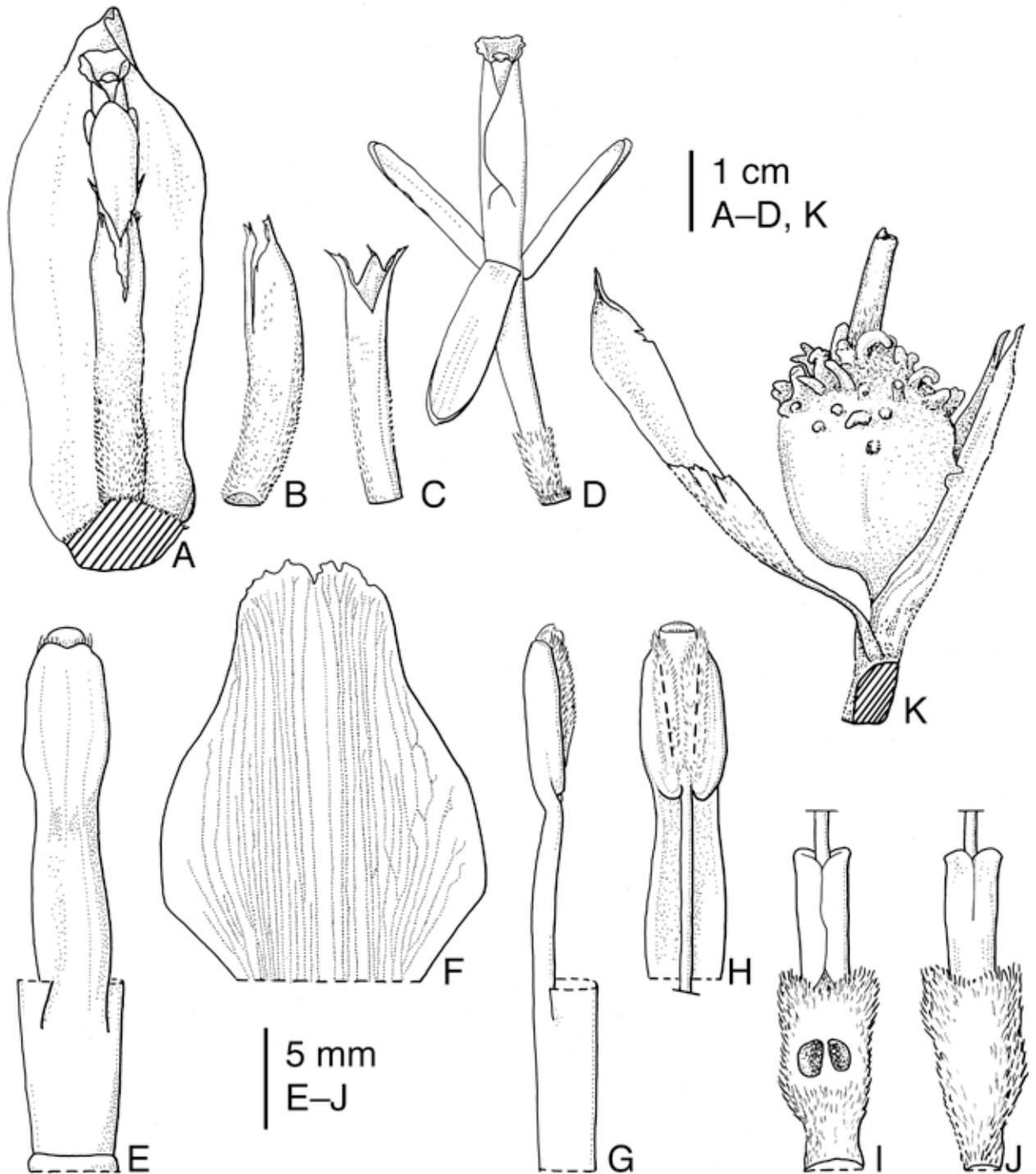


Fig. 1. *Etlingera mamasarum* A.D.Poulsen & Ardiyani, *spec. nov.* A. Fertile bract and flower. B. Bracteole. C. Calyx. D. Flower, calyx removed. E. Stamen, dorsal view. F. Labellum, flattened, dorsal view. G. Stamen, lateral view. H. Stamen, style and stigma, ventral view. I. Ovary and epigynous gland, dorsal view. J. Ovary and epigynous gland, ventral view. K. Fruit with  $\pm$  persistent bract, bracteole and calyx. Drawn from the type by Axel Dalberg Poulsen.

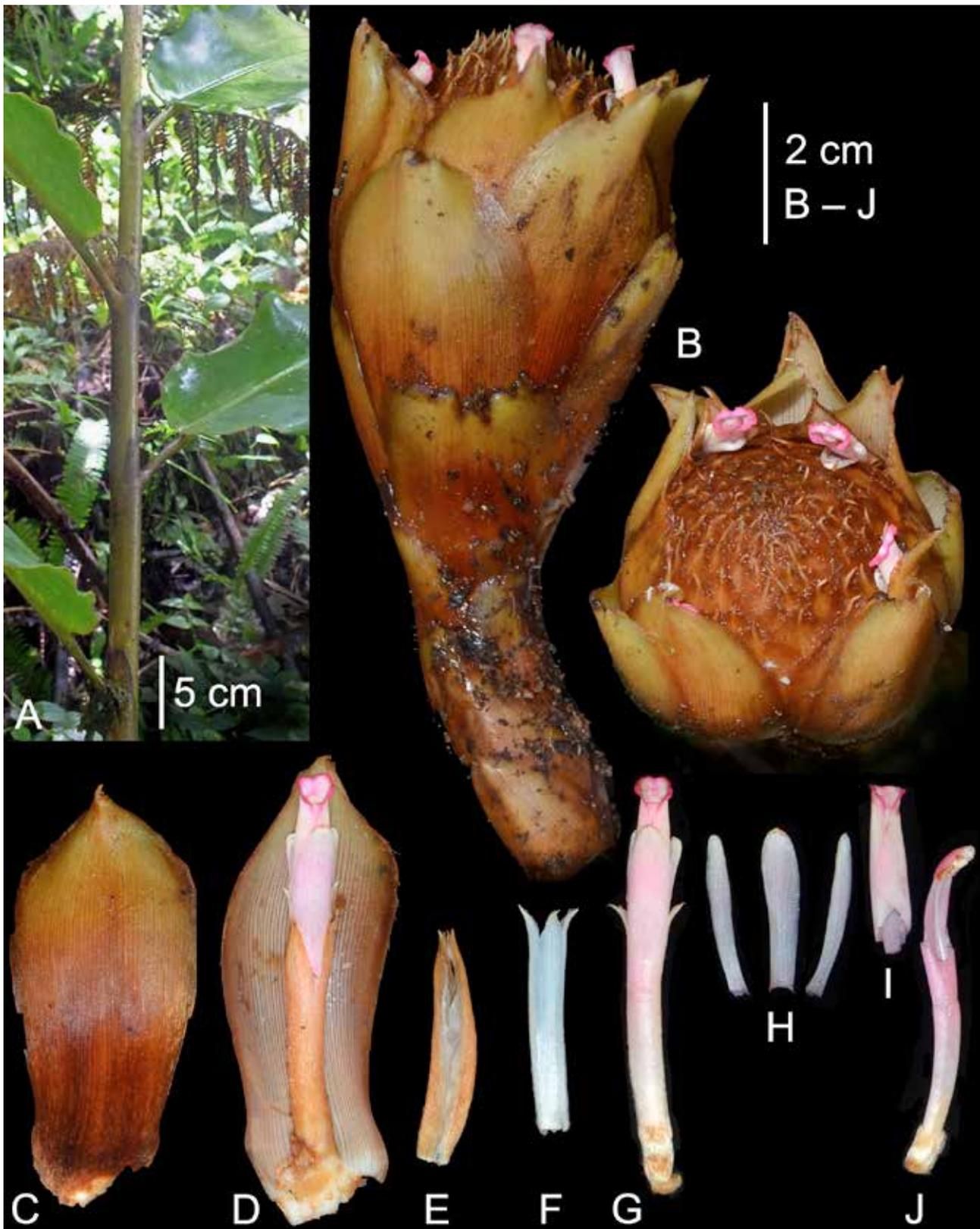


Fig. 2. *Etlingera mamasarum* A.D.Poulsen & Ardiyani, *spec. nov.* A. Leafy shoot. B. Inflorescence, lateral and front view. C. Fertile bract. D. Fertile bract and flower. E. Bracteole. F. Calyx. G. Flower, calyx removed. H. Corolla lobes. I. Labellum. J. Flower with calyx, corolla lobes and labellum removed. Photos: Marlina Ardiyani.

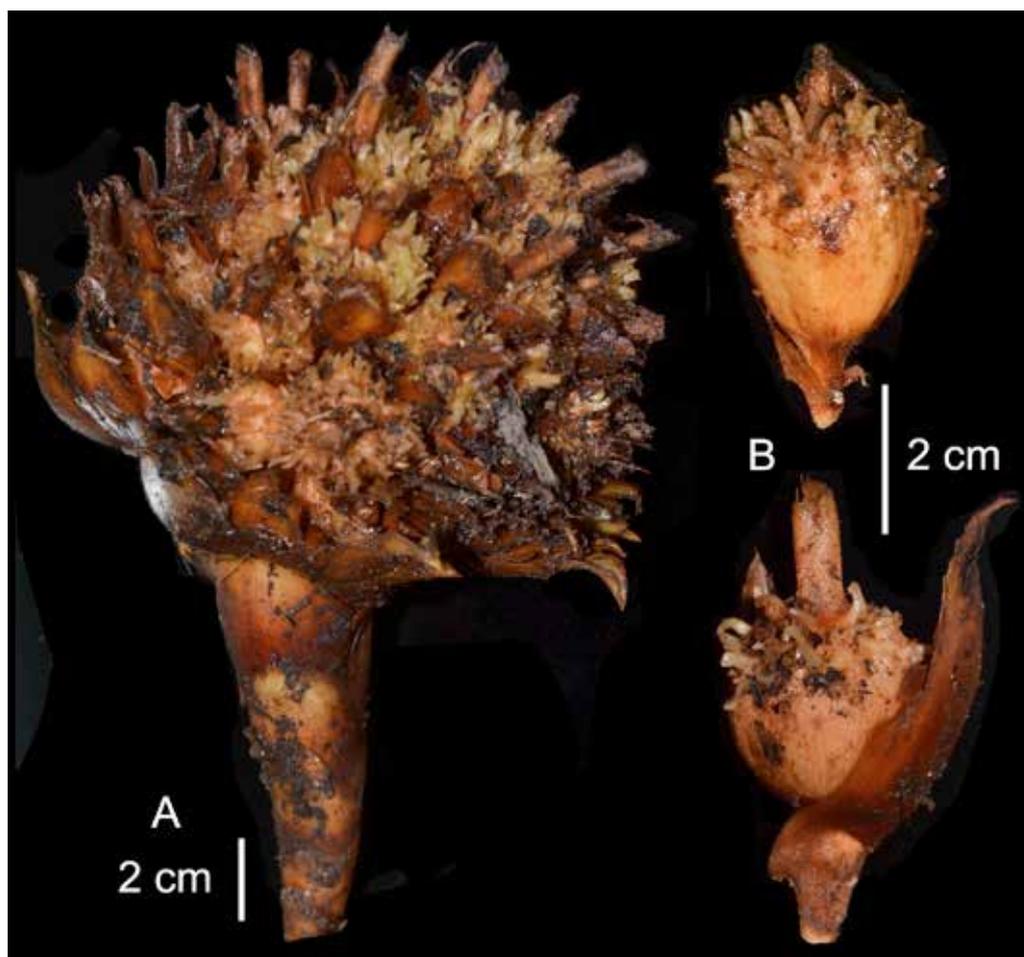


Fig. 3. *Etlingera mamasarum* A.D.Poulsen & Ardiyani, *spec nov.* A. Infructescence. B. Fruits, upper one with bract removed. Photos: Marlina Ardiyani.

**Phenology.** Flowering and fruiting recorded in April.

**Local name & uses.** Katimbang (Mamasa language), fruits are eaten.

**Conservation status.** This species endemic in Sulawesi is only known from the type locality, the area is within the well-managed protected area of Gunung Gandangdewata National Park which has no current threats. So although this species is very restricted with an area of occupancy (AOO) of only 4 km<sup>2</sup>, this species is assessed as Least Concern. The species is dependent on the protected area being well managed and so the habitat should be periodically monitored for any changes.

**Notes.** In Sulawesi, this species is most similar to *Etlingera flexuosa*. Diagnostic morphological characters are presented in Table 1.

#### UPDATED KEY TO THE SULAWESI SPECIES OF *ETLINGERA*

In Poulsen (2012), *E. mamasarum* keys out as *E. flexuosa* at couplet 38 (trail: 2–3–4–5–22–26–38). Thus the new species must be inserted at this point, as follows:

38. Ligule 17–30 mm long ..... 39  
 Ligule 1–15 mm long ..... 40  
 39. Length of petiole 10–40 mm; fertile bract 2–5 × 0.6–2.5 cm, shorter than flower; apex of calyx pointed forwards ..... 23. *E. flexuosa*  
 Length of petiole 45–55 mm; fertile bract 5.5–7 × 2.5–3.3cm, longer than flower; apex of calyx spreading laterally to opposite sides of flower ..... 24. *E. mamasarum*

A full key including *E. mamasarum* can be seen in the Appendix.

Table 1. Morphological characters of *Etilingera flexuosa* and *E. mamasarum*

| Characters                      | <i>Etilingera flexuosa</i><br>(from Poulsen, 2012)                     | <i>E. mamasarum</i>  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Base of leafy shoot (colour)    | Reddish brown or purple  | Yellowish brown  |
| Shape of ligule                 | Slightly bilobed or entire   | Entire with truncate to slightly emarginate apex                                   |
| Length of petiole               | 10–40 mm   | 45–55 mm   |
| Length to width ratio of lamina | 4.2–5.6  | 3.5–4  |
| Base of lamina                  | Cuneate to auriculate  | Rounded to cordate   |
| Colour of sterile bracts        | Reddish brown (rarely pale yellow-green)                               | Yellowish brown  |
| Colour of fertile bracts        | Pale brownish orange at base and dark reddish brown at margin and apex | Light yellow tinged brown  |
| Shape of calyx                  | Pointed  | Pointed, spreading laterally to opposite sides of the flower                       |
| Colour of corolla lobes         | Pink or pale pink often darker towards centre and apex                 | Pinkish white, yellow green towards apex   |
| Shape of labellum               | Ovate  | Unevenly panduriform   |
| Colour of labellum              | Cream or pale pink, pink in centre and at margin                       | Pinkish white with yellowish green tinge, margin lined with dark pink towards apex |
| Shape of anther                 | Broadest in centre   | Slightly broader at base, angled erect   |
| Anther crest                    | Apex constricted, slightly emarginate                                  | Slightly bilobed   |

Table 2. DNA barcoding of *E. mamasarum*

| Species                     | NCBI GenBank Accession No. |             |                  |          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------|
|                             | <i>rbcL</i>                | <i>matK</i> | <i>trnH-psbA</i> | ITS      |
| <i>Etilingera mamasarum</i> | MK830667                   | MK830668    | MK830669         | MK830666 |

## NEW RECORDS OF SPECIES OF *ETLINGERA* IN WEST SULAWESI

The following species have now been documented for the first time:

2. *ETLINGERA* *CYLINDRICA* A.D.Poulsen  
*Etilingera cylindrica* A.D.Poulsen, *Etilingera* of Sulawesi (2012) 117. — Type: Indonesia, South Sulawesi Province, trail from Karangas to Rantemario, 1,850 m, 03°24'49.5"S, 120°0'0"E, flowering and fruiting, 31 Januari 2009, *A.D. Poulsen, Firdaus, Sahir Tiburrung, Ucci, Hikmah, Laopa & Rahman 2781* (Holo BO; iso AAU, E, SING).

**Specimen examined.** Indonesia, West Sulawesi Province, Mamasa, Gunung Gandangdewata, 1,686 m, 02°52'52.2"S, 119°23'09.0"E, fruiting, 26 April 2016, *Marlina Ardiyani with Anis, W. Wardani, P.K. Wardani, D. Wulansari Sulbar 067* (BO).

**Local name.** Laiyah-laiyah (Mamasa language).

**Ecology.** Grow in primary forest on steep slopes.

3. *ETLINGERA* *GRALLATA* A.D.Poulsen  
*Etilingera grallata* A.D.Poulsen, *Etilingera* of Sulawesi: 153 (2012). — Type: Indonesia, Central Sulawesi Province, Lore Lindu NP, Gunung Nokilalaki, 1,875 m, 01°14'35"S, 120°09'08"E, flowering, 3 March 2008, *A.D. Poulsen & Firdaus 2658* (holo BO; iso AAU, CEB, E, SING).

**Specimen examined.** Indonesia, West Sulawesi Province, Mamasa, Gunung Gandangdewata, 1,705 m, 02°52'40.8"S, 119°22'56.5"E, flowering, 21 April 2016, *Marlina Ardiyani with A. Kartonegoro, W. Santoso, D. Wulansari, Obet, Ama Sulbar 022* (BO).

**Local name.** Katimbang (Mamasa language).

**Ecology.** Grow in primary forest on a steep slope close to a waterfall of the Tetean River.

**Note.** The more recent collection, Ardiyani *et al.* Sulbar 022, is only the third of this species and

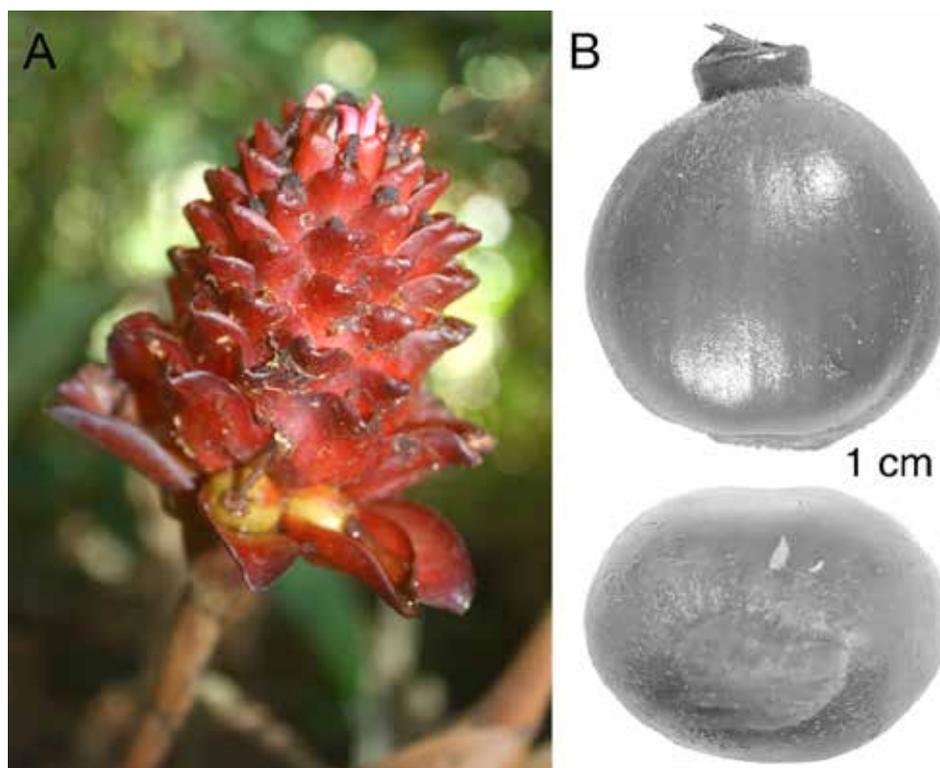


Fig. 4. *Etilingera calobates* A.D.Poulsen. A. Inflorescence with two fruits visible at the lowermost bracts. B. Fruit, lateral view and seen from base (*Wisnu Ardi et al.* 223). Photos: Wisnu H. Ardi.

differs vegetatively from the type by having shorter ligule (5 mm *vs* up to 15–23 mm), petiole (1 mm *vs* up to 10–16 mm) and lamina (to 28 × 4 cm *vs* to 37 × 2 cm) but the fertile characters match very well the original description. It is likely that the range of characters of *E. grallata* may have to be widened as more collections become available. This will also result in a need to adjust the key to species in Sulawesi.

#### 4. ETLINGERA SPINULOSA A.D.Poulsen

*Etilingera spinulosa* A.D.Poulsen, *Etilingera* of Sulawesi: 227 (2012). — Type: Indonesia, South Sulawesi Province, trail from Karang to Rantemario, 3°24'49.5"S, 120°0'0"E, 1,850 m, flowering, 31 Jan 2009, *A.D. Poulsen, Firdaus, Sahir Tiburrung, Ucci, Hikmah, Laopa & Rahman* 2782 (holo BO; iso AAU, CEB, E, SING).

**Specimen examined.** Indonesia, West Sulawesi Province, Mamasa, Gunung Gandangdewata, 1,681 m, 02°52'48.7"S, 119°22'55.1"E, flowering, fruiting, 22 April 2016, *Marlina Ardiyani with A. Kartonegoro, W. Santoso, Obet, Ama Sulbar* 030 (BO).

**Local name.** Katimbang Balao (Mamasa language).

**Ecology.** Grow in primary forest on a steep slope flanked by two rivers.

#### NEW INFORMATION ON SULAWESI SPECIES OF *ETLINGERA*

##### 5. ETLINGERA CALOBATES A.D.Poulsen

*Etilingera calobates* A.D.Poulsen, *Etilingera* of Sulawesi: 90 (2012). — Type: *A.D. Poulsen & Firdaus* 2642 (holo BO; iso AAU, E, SING), Indonesia, Central Sulawesi Province, Lore Utara, Dongi Dongi, 01°18'16"S, 120°16'36"E, 1,300 m, flowering, 28 Feb. 2008.

**Specimen examined.** Indonesia, Central Sulawesi, Gunung Nokilalaki, beside the trail between shelter 1 and 2, 01°13'57.01"S, 120°09'12.66"E, 1,400–1,500 m, flowering and fruiting, 24 July 2018, *Wisnu H. Ardi, Roland & Adhy WI* 223 (KBR, BO). Field notes: In semi-shaded place with *Piper* sp. and many ferns. Stilt-rooted.

**Updated description.** Fruit 12–14 × 8–10 mm, sessile, ellipsoid, laterally compressed, glabrous at base and in middle, puberulous at apex near ± persistent calyx (Fig. 4).

**Note.** Poulsen (2012) did not include a description of the fruits but assigned *E. calobates* to the informal Acanthodes Group. The shape of the fruit is similar to other known of species in this group and therefore supports this placement.

## CORRECTION TO TYPIFICATION OF SULAWESI SPECIES OF *ETLINGERA*

6. *ETLINGERA ALBA* (Blume) A.D.Poulsen  
*Etilingera alba* (Blume) A.D.Poulsen, *Etilingera* of Sulawesi: 58 (2012). — Types: *C.G.C. Reinwardt s.n.* (lecto designated by Poulsen 2012, L 0193641; isolecto L 0193642), [20–23 Oct. 1821], near Tondano, Sulawesi: *A.D. Poulsen, Marlina Ardiyani & Erik Kaunang 2621* (epi BO; isoepi E), North Sulawesi Province, Gunung Masarang, Rampun plantation, 01°19'19"N, 124°51'41"E, 960 m, flowering, 20 Feb. 2008.

**Basionym.** *Elettaria alba* Blume, Enum. pl. Javae (1827) 53; Teijsm. & Binn., Catalogus van 's Lands Plantentuin te Buitenzorg (1866) 58.

**Homotypic synonyms.** *Alpinia alba* (Blume) D. Dietr., Syn. pl. 1 (1839) 12. *Cardamomum album* (Blume) Kuntze, Revis. gen. pl. 2 (1891) 686. *Amomum album* (Blume) Koord., Meded. Lands Plantentuin 19 (1898) 318.

**Heterotypic synonym.** *Alpinia chrysogynia* (K. Schum.) K. Schum., Pflanzenr. IV, 46 (Heft 20) (1904) 364, 365; M.F.Newman, A. Lhuillier & A.D. Poulsen, Checkl. Zingib. Malesia (2004) 10. Types: *P. & F. Sarasin 414* (syn B, assumed lost in the Second World War), North Sulawesi, Tomohon, flowering, 31 May 1894, *P. & F. Sarasin 674* (syn B, assumed lost in the Second World War), Central Sulawesi, Buol, flowering, 15 Aug. 1894; *O. Warburg 15732* (syn B, assumed lost in the Second World War), North Sulawesi, Boyong, Aug.–Sep. 1888. *A.D. Poulsen, Julianus Kinho, Tinus Sandaling & Nikolas Mandei 2817* (neo BO, designated here; isoneo E), North Sulawesi Province, Gunung Lolombulan, trail from Boyong Atas village, 01°5'16.3"N, 124°25'31.1"E, 700 m, flowering and fruiting, 25 Feb. 2009.

See full synonymy in Poulsen (2012).

**Note.** In Poulsen (2012), the neotype of *Alpinia chrysogynia* was wrongly numbered 2625 but the rest of the specimen information presented above is correct. *Poulsen et al. 2625* is the neotype of *E. heliconiifolia* designated in Poulsen (2012: 156).

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE *ACHASMA* GROUP EAST OF WALLACE'S LINE

Trimanto and Hapsari (2018), reported *Etilingera megalocheilos* (Griff.) A.D.Poulsen in Sulawesi, crossing Wallace's Line. Previously this species was known to occur only in Sundaland (from Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra, Java to Borneo). Trimanto and Hapsari based their

conclusion on a single cultivated collection (P19930724/Sim.007) cultivated at Purwodadi Botanic Garden originating from Pangi Binanga Nature Reserve, Central Sulawesi which they found matched well to the descriptions in Poulsen (2006 & 2007). They noted that *E. megalocheilos* is most easily confused with *E. coccinea* (Blume) S.Sakai & Nagam. which also belongs to the *Achasma* Group of the genus but failed to mention that this group is represented in Sulawesi by a single species, namely the endemic *E. penicillata* (K.Schum.) A.D.Poulsen, which is known from Central and Southeast Sulawesi Provinces (Poulsen, 2012) and is much more similar in floral morphology to their collection than *E. coccinea*. We were unable to examine the cultivated plant or the collections made by Trimanto and Hapsari (2018) but compared the detailed description (Trimanto & Hapsari, 2018). Their description is intermediate between our present understanding of *Etilingera megalocheilos* and *E. penicillata* in the lengths of the lamina, flower and labellum. It furthermore differs from *E. penicillata* in having more flowers per inflorescence (10–12 vs 5–7), longer corolla lobes, a longer staminal tube and the margin to the labellum sometimes having a yellow margin.

Based on the three collections only observed so far in the wild, *Etilingera penicillata* has a plain red labellum (Poulsen, 2012). As discussed in the revision of Bornean *Etilingera* Poulsen (2006), the colour of the labellum of *E. megalocheilos* is highly variable from monochrome red to red with a clearly yellow margin and it is not unlikely that *E. penicillata* may also exhibit this variation as speculated by Poulsen (2012: 202). We would therefore like to see evidence from the natural habitat in Sulawesi before accepting that *E. megalocheilos* should be added to the list of *Etilingera* species native to Sulawesi. Alternatively, one may accept the material examined by Trimanto and Hapsari as *E. penicillata* in which case the description of *E. penicillata* should include populations with a yellow margin to the lateral lobes of the labellum and the updated descriptions also regarding other characters (numbers of flowers per spike, lengths of the corolla lobes, staminal tube and labellum) but additional wild collections are desirable before making that decision.

In the Philippines, just north of Sulawesi, the *Achasma* Group is clearly represented by *E. philippinensis* (Ridl.) R.M.Sm. (Poulsen & Docot, 2018) the morphological variation of which is still not fully understood but may well have bearings on distribution patterns in the region. Furthermore, after recent exploration in New Guinea, only *E. labellosa* (K.Schum.) A.D.Poulsen of the *Achasma* Group occurs there. Curiously, this species also displays variation of

the colour of the lateral lobes from plain red, to yellow or white.

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## APPENDIX

The modified key to *Etlingera* of Sulawesi [from Poulsen 2012], after *Etlingera mamasarum* A.D.Poulsen & Ardiyani, *spec. nov.* is added and to include species from West Sulawesi.

1. Leaves to 1.5 cm wide ..... 42. *E. stenophylla*  
   Leaves at least 2 cm wide ..... 2
2. Flowering shoot erect, more than 50 cm; bracts to 13 cm long, outer ones recurved when flowering ..... 19. *E. elatior*  
   Flowering shoot less than 50 cm; bracts shorter than 9 cm long, not recurved ..... 3
3. Calyx >5 cm long; labellum extending more than 2 cm beyond anther, 22 mm wide ... 35. *E. penicillata*  
   Calyx <4 cm long; labellum extending less than 1.2 cm beyond anther even when flattened, to 20 mm wide ..... 4
4. Ligule 5–8 cm long, caducous; lateral lobes of the labellum reflexed fully exposing the stamen ..... 32. *E. orbiculata*  
   Ligule to 4 cm long; lateral lobes of the labellum folded over the stamen, rarely erect ..... 5
5. Ovary constricted at the base and apex (barrel-shaped); anther dehiscent along its entire length; fruits smooth or rarely with 2–3 spines at apex, hidden by persistent bracts; labellum glabrous ..... 6  
   Ovary not constricted at the base and apex; anther dehiscent for up to half of its length; fruits with many spines, at least the apex visible even if the bracts are persistent; labellum pubescent or rarely glabrous ..... 22
6. Filament *ca.* 5 mm long, slightly S-shaped; anther dehiscent for 1.5 mm apex only; fruits with 2–3 spines at apex ..... 29. *E. mendumiæ*  
   Filament 0–3 mm long (rarely to 4.5 cm), straight; anther dehiscent for all or most of its length; fruits smooth ..... 7
7. Bracts most often mucilaginous; flower pale yellow to yellow ..... 34. *E. pausodipsus*  
   Bracts not mucilaginous; flower pale to dark pink or red ..... 8
8. Ligule emarginated or deeply bilobed ..... 9  
   Ligule entire ..... 14
9. Ligule deeply bilobed, clasping the pseudostem laterally ..... 10  
   Ligule emarginated, not clasping the pseudostem ..... 11
10. Fertile bract 2.5–4 cm long; flower <3.8 cm long; filament 0.5–1 mm long ..... 1. *E. acanthodes*  
   Fertile bract 4.1–6 cm long; flower >4 cm long; filament *ca.* 2.5 mm long ..... 41. *E. spinulosa*
11. Ligule to 19–21 mm long; bracts mucronate; stamen ± sessile (filament 0–0.5 mm long) ..... 12  
   Ligule *ca.* 30 mm long; bracts rounded, not mucronate; filament *ca.* 3 mm long ..... 27. *E. hyalina*
12. Ligule glabrous or puberulous; fertile bracts green with 7–12 mm long mucro ..... 13. *E. chlorodonta*  
   Ligule densely hairy; fertile bracts reddish brown, mucro <2 mm ..... 13
13. Leaf *ca.* 54 × 14 cm; margin of fertile bract not emarginate; labellum *ca.* 11 mm long; anther *ca.* 7 mm long ..... 2. *E. aculeatissima*  
   Leaf *ca.* 35–36 × 4.5–6 cm; margin of fertile emarginate; labellum *ca.* 8.5 mm long; anther *ca.* 5.5 mm long ..... 43. *E. steringophora*
14. Spike 0.7–1 cm wide, 2–3 flowers per spike; bracteole 3.2–3.3 cm long ..... 15. *E. cylindrica*  
   Spike 1.2–6 cm wide, >8 flowers per spike; bracteole 0.9–2.7 cm long ..... 15
15. Apex of bracts rounded not mucronate ..... 16  
   Apex of bracts acute and ± mucronate ..... 17
16. Leaves sessile; upper peduncular bracts 2.7–3.7 cm long, loosely adhering to the peduncular axis; spike turbinate, flat-topped ..... 9. *E. calobates*  
   Leaves petiolate 3–4 mm long; upper peduncular bracts to *ca.* 2 cm long, firmly enclosing the axis; spike ellipsoid, apex rounded ..... 21. *E. elliptica*
17. Ovary and fruit densely pubescent ..... 18  
   Ovary glabrous in centre (but maybe hairy at the constrictions at base and apex) ..... 19
18. Petiole to 8 mm; bracts dark red, reddish brown or pale brown and with greenish apices not translucent; spike turbinate to ovoid; corolla lobes pubescent in centre ..... 33. *E. orophila*  
   Lamina sessile; bracts plain pink, translucent; spike globose; corolla lobes glabrous ... 45. *E. translucens*
19. Lamina >5 cm wide; flowering shoot 13–14 cm long; peduncle 6–8 cm; receptacle 1.8–7 cm long; 90–225 flowers per spike ..... 20  
   Lamina <4.5 cm wide; flowering shoot 3–7.5 cm long; peduncle 1–4 cm; receptacle <1 cm long; 8–50 flowers per spike ..... 21
20. Ligule 16–18 mm long; petiole 5–6 mm long; spike 5–11 cm long; labellum 14–17 mm long; stamen 9.5–11 mm long ..... 16. *E. doliiformis*

- Ligule 8–10 mm long; lamina sessile; spike 4–4.5 cm long; labellum 11–11.5 mm long; stamen 5–7 mm long ..... 31. *E. mucronata*
21. Ligule 15–23 mm long; petiole 10–16 mm long; mucro on bracts <1mm..... 24. *E. grallata*  
Ligule 4–6 mm long; lamina sessile; mucro on bracts 4–7 mm long ..... 44. *E. sublimata*
22. Leaf base auriculate, clasping the pseudostem, covering the ligule; leaves large, 80–120 × 13–27 cm 23  
Leaf base, even if rounded or auriculate, not clasping the pseudostem, leaving the ligule exposed; leaves small to large, 18–87 × 2.5–19 cm ..... 26
23. Flowers plain yellow; labellum widest near apex; anther dehiscent in the middle ..... 46. *E. tubilabrum*  
Flowers red, pink, or white; labellum widest below the middle; anther dehiscent in the upper half .... 24
24. Flowering head mucilaginous; labellum pink; corolla and labellum glabrous; filament *ca.* 6 × 3 mm ..... 30. *E. mucida*  
Flowering head not mucilaginous; labellum red or white; corolla and labellum sericeous (silky-hairy); filament 1–2 × 4–5 mm ..... 25. *E. heliconiifolia*
25. Corolla and labellum brilliant red ..... 25. *E. heliconiifolia* subsp. *heliconiifolia*  
Labellum white, corolla lobes may be tinged pink..... 26. *E. heliconiifolia* subsp. *leucocheilos*
26. Anther wider at apex or parallel-sided; filament ± straight, rarely hairy ventrally ..... 27  
Anther elliptic, narrowing towards apex; filament slightly incurved at apex; most often densely hairy ventrally ..... 38
27. Anther dehiscent in the middle or below ..... 28  
Anther dehiscent in upper half ..... 31
28. Most of the dehiscence below the middle; labellum yellow with green veins; ligule *ca.* 1 mm long; lamina *ca.* 24 × 2.5 cm ..... 22. *E. flavovirens*  
Anther dehiscence in the middle, flowers yellow to pale yellow without green veins; ligule 3–15 mm long; lamina 60–90 × 8–17 cm ..... 29
29. Ligule 3–5 mm long; lamina glabrous; ligule bilobed ..... 14. *E. chrysantha*  
Ligule 8–15 mm long; lamina ± hairy beneath; ligule entire ..... 30
30. Ligule *ca.* 15 mm long; leaves petiolate 27–35 mm long; receptacle to 6.5 cm long ..... 11. *E. canarina*  
Ligule *ca.* 8 mm long; leaves sessile; receptacle to 11 cm long ..... 4. *E. aulocheilos*
31. Labellum widest at apex, ± trumpet-shaped semi-tubular with flattened, petaloid apex ..... 32  
Labellum widest in the middle or in lower half, not trumpet-shaped..... 36
32. Labellum plain yellow; stamen 7–8 mm long; filament 2–3 mm long; stigma club-shaped; fruit 2.2–3.5 × 2.2–2.7 cm, elliptic when dry ..... 10. *E. calophrys*  
Labellum white ± pink towards margin or plain pink; stamen 8.5–13 mm long; filament 3.5–7 mm long; stigma with two distinct lateral knobs; fruit 1.1–2.5 × 1.4–2.7 cm, globose when dry ..... 33
33. Flowers congested in the spike; fertile bracts 3.2–6 cm long; corolla lobes white, distinctly red in upper half; labellum plain pink, cream in centre; spines <1 mm, only in upper half of fruit ... 38. *E. rubroloba*  
Flowers well-spaced in the spike; fertile bracts to 1.5–4.5 cm long; corolla lobes white tinged ± yellow-green or pale pink towards margin; labellum white, yellow-green in centre, tinged ± pink towards margin; spines to 4 mm, all over the fruit ..... 34
34. Leafy shoot >3.5 m long; ligule 10–15 mm long; petiole >10 mm long; lamina to 52–66 × 11–14 cm; 23–52 flowers per spike ..... 3. *E. alba*  
Leafy shoot <2.5 m long; ligule 3–7 mm long; petiole 1–7 mm long; lamina to 28–34 × 5–6.5 cm; 15–20 flowers per spike ..... 35
35. Labellum 23 × 16 mm, clearly bilobed, incision *ca.* 5 mm; stamen 12.5–13 mm long; filament 7 mm long ..... 6. *E. biloba*  
Labellum 20 × 12.5 mm, bilobed, incision to 3 mm; stamen 8.5–9 mm long; filament 3.5 mm long ..... 18. *E. echinulata*
36. Labellum pale pink, lateral lobes pink; stamen 11.5–13 mm long; filament 6–7 mm long..... 7. *E. borealis*  
Labellum plain yellow or cream; stamen 8–11 mm long; filament 2–4 mm long ..... 37
37. Leafy shoot <2 m long; fertile bracts obovate, greenish brown, apex forming a curved point to 5 mm long; corolla lobes pale yellow; labellum yellow ..... 48. *E. xanthantha*  
Leafy shoot 3–6 m long; fertile bracts spatulate, reddish, mucronate but apex not forming a distinct point; corolla lobes white, reddish towards apex; labellum pale yellowish cream or white ..... 39. *E. sarasinorum*
38. Ligule 17–30 mm long ..... 39  
Ligule 1–15 mm long ..... 40
39. Length of petiole 10–40 mm; fertile bract 2–5 × 0.6–2.5 cm, shorter than the flower; apex of calyx pointed forwards..... 23. *E. flexuosa*  
Length of petiole 45–55 mm; fertile bract 5.5–7 × 2.5–3.3 cm, longer than the flower; apex of calyx

- spreading laterally to opposite sides of the flower ..... 28. *E. mamasarum*
40. Ovary obovoid, glabrous except for a dense ring of long hairs at the base; fruit smooth; margin of terminal lobe of labellum serrated ..... 40. *E. serrata*  
 Ovary obconical or elliptic, pubescent throughout; fruit spiny; margin of terminal lobe of labellum entire ..... 41
41. Leaf apex caudate 3–4 cm ..... 42  
 Leaf apex shortly acuminate (to 2.5 cm), caudate to 2.5 cm, or tapering ..... 44
42. Ligule *ca.* 15 mm long, tapering and only minutely bifid at apex; leaves petiolate to 15 mm; spike with >100 flowers ..... 12. *E. caudata*  
 Ligule to 5 mm long, entire or emarginated to bilobed; leaves sessile; spike with 20–25 flowers ..... 43
43. Leafy shoot *ca.* 2 m long; ligule emarginated to bilobed; flower > 4.5 cm long; fruit with scattered spines ..... 47. *E. urophylla*  
 Leafy shoot *ca.* 1 m long; ligule entire; flower *ca.* 4 cm long; fruit completely smooth ..... 49. *E. yessiae*
44. Rhizome stout, 1.5–3.5 cm diameter; leafy shoot 2.5–5 m long; lamina 46–87 × 11–18 cm; spike mucilaginous, 3–7.5 cm wide with 50–260 flowers ..... 45  
 Rhizome slender, to 0.5 cm diameter; leafy shoot 0.6–1.5(–2) m long; lamina 17–23 × 2–6 cm; spike not mucilaginous, 1–3 cm wide with 10–20 flowers ..... 47
45. Leafy shoot 4–5 m long; lamina 70–87 × 13–18 cm; spike 4–7 cm long (including flowers); fertile bract ovate; corolla lobes plain pale pink or red; fruit 3–4.5 × 2–4 cm ..... 46. *E. polycarpa*  
 Leafy shoot to 2.5 m long; lamina *ca.* 46 × 11 cm; spike 3 cm long (including flowers); fertile bract obovate; corolla lobe white with red tip; fruit 2 × 2 cm ..... 5. *E. bicolor*
46. Ligule 2–4 mm, distantly bilobed; flowers pale pink; labellum 9–12 mm wide, ovate to panduriform ..... 36. *E. polycarpa* subsp. *polycarpa*  
 Ligule 7–12 mm, entire; flowers dark reddish pink; labellum 11–14.5 mm wide, ovate to ± 3-lobed ..... 37. *E. polycarpa* subsp. *ligulata*
47. Ligule 3–4 mm long; spike 4.7–5.5 cm long (including flowers); labellum plain cream, widest below the middle; filament glabrous ..... 17. *E. eburnea*  
 Ligule 1–1.5 mm long; spike 3.5–4.5 cm long (including flowers); labellum cream and pink, widest above the middle; filament densely pubescent ..... 48
48. Leaf petiolate to 25 mm, to 6 cm wide, base cordate, apex caudate to 2 cm; flowers sessile; ovary ellipsoid, densely villose ..... 8. *E. bullata*  
 Leaf sessile, 2.2–3.5 cm wide, base cuneate, apex tapering ..... 20. *E. elegans*

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