

*TILLANDSIA MAGNISPICA* (BROMELIACEAE: TILLANDSIOIDEAE), A  
NEW SPECIES FROM OAXACA, MEXICO

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ABSTRACT

*Tillandsia magnispica* Espejo & López-Ferrari, known only from the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, in the municipalities of San Pedro el Alto and San Pedro Pochutla, is described and illustrated. The new taxon is compared with *T. jalisco monticola* Matuda, a morphologically similar species.

Key words: Bromeliaceae, Mexico, Oaxaca, *Tillandsia*.

RESUMEN

Se describe e ilustra *Tillandsia magnispica* Espejo & López-Ferrari, conocida sólo del estado de Oaxaca, México, en los municipios de San Pedro el Alto y San Pedro Pochutla. La nueva especie se compara con *T. jalisco monticola* Matuda, con la cual tiene afinidades morfológicas.

Palabras clave: Bromeliaceae, México, Oaxaca, *Tillandsia*.

As a result of our explorations in the field and the revision of herbarium material in the main Mexican and foreign institutional herbaria, in order to complete the Flora Bromeliológica Mexicana, we detected material from one undescribed species of the genus *Tillandsia* that we propose here as:

***Tillandsia magnispica*** Espejo et López-Ferrari, sp. nov. Figs. 1, 3B

Herba epiphytica, acaulis, rosulata, florens usque 80 cm alta. Folia numerosa, vaginae distinctae, ellipticae, 7-10 cm longae, 4-5 cm latae; laminae anguste triangulari-lanceolatae, 37-55 cm longae, 1.3-1.7 cm latae, involutae, distaliter arcuatae; scapus inflorescentiae erectus, teres, 29-50 cm longus; inflorescentia simplicissima; spica anguste elliptica, complanata, 18-25 cm longa, 3.5-4.5 cm lata; bracteae florales distichae, imbricatae, late ovatae, 5-5.5 cm longae, 4-4.5 cm latae, carinatae, supera virides, basalia incarnatae, nervatae; petala 7-8 cm longa, ca. 1 cm lata, violacea; stamina subaequalia, exserta, stylus exsertus.

Plants stemless, epiphytic, flowering up to 80 cm high; leaves numerous, forming a tank rosette ca. 40 cm in diameter; leaf sheaths elliptic, 7-10 cm long, 4-5 cm wide, glabrous and dark brown adaxially, glabrous and light brown abaxially; leaf blades narrowly triangular to lanceolate, 37-55 cm long, 1.3-1.7 cm wide at the widest part, coriaceous, lepidote, tapering to a long filiform and acuminate apex, margins involute; inflorescence erect, simple, to 75 cm long; scape 29-50 cm long, erect, stout, ca. 1 cm in diameter, scape bracts polystichous, imbricate, rose-coloured, the lower foliaceous, the blades similar to the leaves, the upper bladeless or with much reduced blades, linear-subulate, the sheaths ovate, to 5 cm long and 3 cm wide, concealing the scape; spike erect, narrowly elliptic to oblong, 18-25 cm long, 3.5-4.5 cm wide, complanate, up to 28 flowered, larger than the leaves, floral bracts distichous, imbricate, longer than the sepals, glabrous, the basal ones rose-coloured, the upper ones bright green, marginally wine-coloured, widely ovate, conduplicate, carinate, acuminate, with a pungent apex, conspicuously nerved when dried, 5-5.5 cm long, 4-4.5 cm wide; flowers, erect, sessile, successive; sepals elliptic to oblong, glabrous, acute, the posterior ones carinate and shortly connate at the base, pale green, 3.4-4 cm long, 1-1.2 cm wide; petals narrowly oblong to spatulate, glabrous, obtuse, free, violet at the upper half, white at the base, 7-8 cm long, ca. 1 cm wide, stamens subaequal, filaments linear, 8.7-9 cm long, violet and complanate at apical end, white at the base, anthers oblong, yellow, 4.5-5 mm long; ovary ovoid, green, ca. 7 mm long, 5 mm in diameter; style white, 8.7-9.5 cm long; stigma white, trilobulate, spiral conduplicate (Brown & Gilmartin, 1984), 4.5-5 mm in diameter; fruit not seen.

Type: México, Oaxaca, distrito de Pochutla, municipio de San Pedro Pochutla, alrededores de Toltepec, ca. 4.5 km después de San José Chacalapa, carretera Pochutla-Miahuatlán, 15°51'47" N; 96°27'58" W, 285 m s.n.m., selva mediana,



Fig. 1. *Tillandsia magnispica* Espejo & López-Ferrari (A. Espejo et al. 6312).



Fig. 2. *Tillandsia jaliscomonticola* Matuda (J. Ceja et al. 1473).

10.VIII.2001, A. Espejo, A. R. López-Ferrari, J. Ceja y A. Mendoza R. 6312 (Holotype (in three sheets): UAMIZ; Isotype IEB).

Paratypes: Mexico, Oaxaca, distrito de Pochutla, municipio de San Pedro Pochutla, N of Pochutla, 1981, C. S. Gardner 1445 (SEL, US, line drawing by Gardner, 1982); distrito de Pochutla, municipio de San Pedro el Alto, 18 km al S de San Miguel Suchistepec, sobre la carretera a Pochutla, 1700 m s.n.m. Bosque de *Pinus*



Fig. 3. Dried spikes. A. *Tillandsia jalisco monticola* Matuda (J. Ceja et al. 1473 (UAMIZ)); B. *Tillandsia magnispica* Espejo & López-Ferrari (A. Espejo et al. 6312 (UAMIZ)).

*oocarpa* sobre ladera metamórfica, 22.IX.1965, J. Rzedowski 20648 ENCB(x3), LL, MICH, TEX).

*Tillandsia magnispica* is endemic to Oaxaca (Espejo-Serna et al., 2007 p. 138), and known only from the Municipalities of San Pedro Pochutla and San Pedro el Alto, District of Pochutla (Fig. 4).

The material of the new species has been identified by some authors (Gardner, 1982, pp. 145-146; McVaugh, 1989, p. 58) as *Tillandsia jalisco monticola* Matuda (Figs. 2, 3A), a taxon only known from Colima, Jalisco, and Michoacán (Espejo et al., 2004, p. 63) (Fig. 4 and Appendix), however the differences between the two taxa showed in the table 1 and figures 1, 2, and 3, are conspicuous.

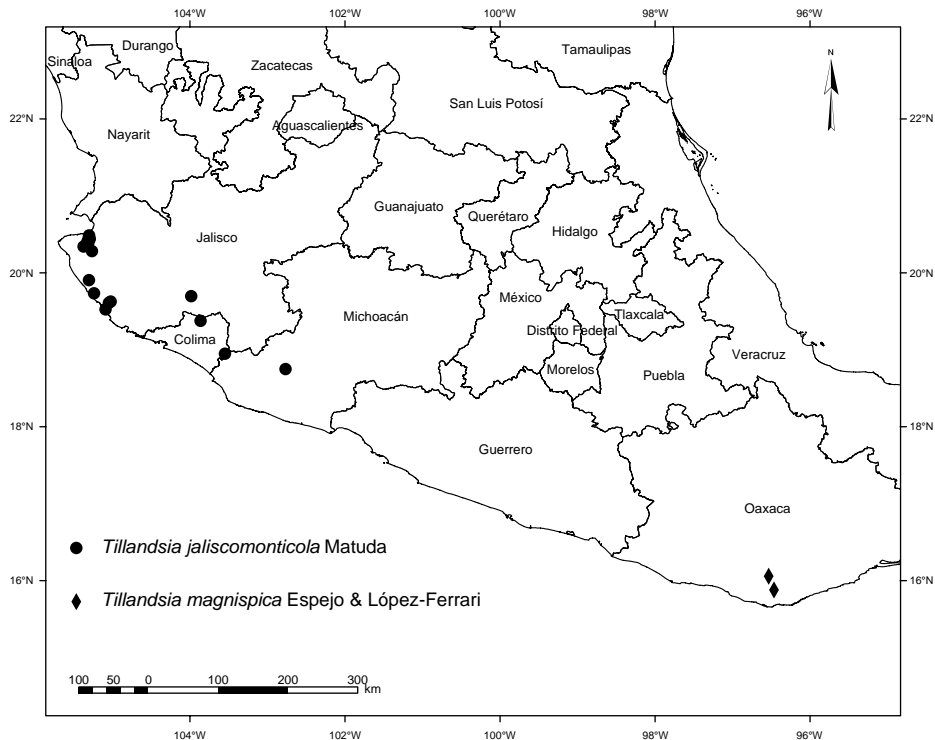


Fig. 4. Distribution map of *Tillandsia magnispica* Espejo & López-Ferrari, and *T. jalisco monticola* Matuda.

Table 1. Comparative characteristics of *T. magnispica* and *T. jalisco monticola*.

	<i>T. magnispica</i>	<i>T. jalisco monticola</i>
foliar sheaths dimensions	7-10 cm long, 4-5 cm wide	11.5-15 cm long, 5.5-6 cm wide
spike number	1	1-3
spike width	3.5-4.5 cm	6-8.2 cm
petals length	7-8 cm long	6-7 cm long
stamens	subaequal	unaequal
geographical distribution	Oaxaca	Colima, Jalisco and Michoacán

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## APPENDIX

### *Tillandsia jalisco monticola* exsiccata

COLIMA, municipio de Ixtlahuacán: 26 de julio, a 12 km al E de Agua de la Virgen, 18°57'2" N, 103°32'30" W, 23.IX.1983, E. J. Lott, E. Martínez S. y J. A. S. Magallanes 1925A (MEXU, MICH, MO); municipio de Minatitlán: Cerro Grande, brecha de Juloapan a Lagunitas, después del campo 4, 19°22'40" N, 103°51'30" W, bosque tropical caducifolio, 17.X.1990, M. Cházaro B., M. Huerta M., C. Ortiz A. y J. Gómez H. 6454 (IEB). JALISCO, municipio de Cabo Corrientes: near Puerto Vallarta, IX.1994, W. Berg s. n. (SEL); sierra El Tuito (Tuito), 27.X.1974, C. R. Beutelspacher sub E. Matuda 38657 (MEXUx2); ca. 11 km después de El Tuito, rumbo a Puerto Vallarta, 12.IV.2003, J. Ceja, A. Espejo, A. R. López-Ferrari y A. Mendoza R. 1438 (UAMIZx5); ca. 0.5 km después de Pedro Moreno, rumbo a El Tuito, 20°24'23" N, 105°18'12" W, 637 m, bosque de pino-encino, 30.VII.2003, J. Ceja, A. Espejo, A. R. López-Ferrari, A. Mendoza R. e I. Ramírez M. 1473 (UAMIZx5); along the highway in the gorge of the río Horcones, south of Puerto Vallarta, about 22.5 km from Puerto Vallarta, 5.XI.1971, J. V. A. Dieterle 4067 (ENCB, MEXU, MICH); aproximadamente 1 km sobre la brecha a Coyonzalo, a partir del km 187 de la carretera Puerto Vallarta - El Tuito, 2.IV.1993, A. R. López-Ferrari y A. Espejo 1771 (UAMIZx3); 6.1 km al W de El Tuito, sobre el camino a Ixtlahuahuey, 17.X.1985, P. Magaña 353 (MEXUx2); 10 km al N de El Tuito, 115 km al N de la estación de biología Chamela, sobre la carretera Barra de Navidad - Puerto Vallarta, 18.I.1985, P. Magaña y E. J. Lott 42 (ENCB, MEXU, MO); 32 km al S de Puerto Vallarta sobre la carretera que va a Barra de Navidad, 1.IX.1985, P. Magaña, R. Ayala y G. Ayala 279 (ENCB, MEXUx2), municipio de La Huerta, estación de biología Chamela, vereda Calandria, 100 m antes de la estación meteorológica, 19.I.1985, P. Magaña y E. J. Lott 46 (ENCB), 9.4 km del camino Juan Gil Preciado - Los Ranchitos - Nacastillo, 15.X.1985, P. Magaña, A. Solís, E. J. Lott y G. Ayala 322 (MEXU); 6.1 km del camino Juan Gil Preciado - Los Ranchitos - Nacastillo, 15.X.1985, P. Magaña, A. Solís, E. J. Lott y G. Ayala 333 (ENCB, LL, MEXUx2); municipio de Tomatlán: 47 km al N de la estación de biología Chamela, sobre la carretera Barra de Navidad - Puerto Vallarta, 30.IV.1985, P. Magaña y E. J. Lott 239 (MEXU); near the new road 4-22 km northwest of río San Nicolás and 20-40 km southeast of Tomatlán, 11.XII.1970, R. McVaugh 25251 (MICH); municipio de Tuxcacuesco: Tuxcacuesco, 13.XI.1943, E. A. Anderson s. n. (MO); sin localidad, II.1992, A. Lau Jr. sub H. E. Luther s. n. (SEL). MICHOACÁN, municipio de Aguililla, 4 km al NO de Aguililla, 18°45' N, 102°45'45" W, 950 m, selva baja caducifolia, 9.IV.1985, J. C. Soto N., A. Román de Soto y F. Soto R. 8067 (MEXU).