Flora Mesoamericana Online: Genus Echeveria corrected

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The main problems regarding the treatment of genus *Echeveria* in Flora Mesoamericana:

Instead of basing his treatment on the protologues of the species in question, the author of genus *Echeveria* in Flora Mesoamericana relied on E. Walther's posthumous book *Echeveria*, 1972. Apparently he ignored that most of Walther’s descriptions are useless because made from plants of unknown or uncertain origin. Furthermore he says that regarding colours he also relied on information found on the sheets of herbarium specimens. This is highly problematic in so far as not seldom specimens are not correctly identified (see, as an example, *E. bella* f. *major* below). Whether or how many of the numerous listed specimens are correct could not be verified as most of them are not accessible online.

Unfortunately the author also failed to consult either Reid Moran or C.H. Uhl or the taxonomic changes published in the *Crassulaceae* volume of the *Illustrated Handbook of Succulent Plants*, 2003. Genus *Echeveria*, as found in the online version of Flora Mesoamericana, therefore is far from being correct.

The following treatment is exclusively based on the First Descriptions.
Flora Mesoamericana lists the following species:

- *Echeveria acutifolia* Lindl.  
  not present in Mesoamerica.
- *Echeveria australis* Rose
- *Echeveria bella* Alexander
- *Echeveria chiapensis* Rose ex Poelln.  
  name in the synonymy of *E. rosea*.
- *Echeveria coccinea* (Cav.) DC.
- *Echeveria corallina* Alexander  
  = *Echeveria sessiliflora* Rose  
  = *E. corallina* is a distinct species,  
  while *E. sessiliflora* is in the synonymy of *E. pinetorum*.
- *Echeveria goldmani* Rose
- *Echeveria guatemalensis* Rose
- *Echeveria gudeliana* Véliz & García-Mend.
- *Echeveria holwayi* Rose  
  = *Echeveria acutifolia* Lindl.  
  Neither *E. holwayi* nor *E. acutifolia* are  
  present in Mesoamerica.
- *Echeveria huehueteca* Standl. & Steyerm.  
  = *Echeveria pinetorum* Rose
- *Echeveria macrantha* Standl. & Steyerm.
- *Echeveria maxonii* Rose
- *Echeveria montana* Rose  
  with utmost probability not present in Mesoamerica.
- *Echeveria papillosa* Kimnach & C.H. Uhl
- *Echeveria pinetorum* Rose
- *Echeveria pittieri* Rose
- *Echeveria prunina* Kimnach & Moran
- *Echeveria sessiliflora* Rose  
  name in the synonymy of *E. pinetorum*.
- *Echeveria steyermarkii* Standl.

Corrected list of species occurring in the region covered by the Flora Mesoamericana:

*Echeveria australis* Rose
*Echeveria bella* Alexander
*Echeveria coccinea* (Cavanilles) DC
*Echeveria corallina* Alexander
*Echeveria goldmani* Rose
*Echeveria guatemalensis* Rose
*Echeveria gudeliana* Véliz & García-Mendoza
*Echeveria macrantha* Standley & Steyermark
*Echeveria maxonii* Rose
*Echeveria papillosa* Kimnach & Uhl
*Echeveria pinetorum* Rose
*Echeveria pittieri* Rose
*Echeveria prunina* Kimnach & Moran
*Echeveria sessiliflora* Rose  
  name in the synonymy of *E. pinetorum*.
*Echeveria steyermarkii* Standley
Echeveria acutifolia

Flora Mesoamericana:

   Holotipo: México, Oaxaca, *Hartweg 749* (CGE) ¹.
   Ilustr.: Walther, *Echeveria* 214, t. 112 (1972)².
   *Echeveria holwayi* Rose. ⁵

Hierbas terrestres, glabras; tallos hasta 30 cm, sin ramificar. Hojas c. 300 × 100 mm, frecuentemente reducidas y escasas cerca del extremo de los tallos, oblongas a obovadas, las nervaduras rojas o verdes con púrpura y ligeramente glauces, aplanadas, coriáceas, la base decurrente sobre el pecíolo, el ápice anchamente agudo, finalmente mucronato; pecíolo ancho, uniéndose con la lámina, los márgenes alados.

Inflorescencias 20-100 cm, paniculadas, erectas, con 100 o más flores; pedúnculo 3-10 cm, rojo; ramas 9 o más, ascendentes, oblongas a lanceoladas, carinadas, de color similar a las hojas; pedicelos 3-5 mm. Flores con sépalos 8-10 mm, subiguales, ascendentes, lineares o lanceoladas, comprimidos, glaucos, púrpuras, el ápice agudo; corola urceolada, los pétalos 10-13 mm, lanceolados, rojos o rosados por fuera, rojos por dentro o con líneas anaranjadas o rojas. Foliculos no vistos. *Laderas secas rocosas.* ³

Ch (*Laughlin 558, CAS)* ⁴ 1300-1800 m. (México [Oaxaca, Michoacán], Mesoamérica.)

¹ Regarding the origin of his plant Lindley says that Mr. Hartweg had collected it in Oaxaca - whether he had collected it in the wild or in a garden is unknown. No similar plant has since been found in Mexico, so in the absence of a locality for it in the wild it may well have been a hybrid and should bear a cultivar name > Echeveria 'Acutifolia'.

² Fig. 112 shows *E. holwayi*, not *E. acutifolia*. It is Fig. 113 which shows *E. acutifolia*.

³ The Spanish text reflects Walther’s description of "*E. acutifolia*" (*Echeveria*, 203, 1972), which in fact was made from a presumable clonotype of *E. holwayi* Rose, an entirely different plant, i.e. Walther's "*E. acutifolia*" is not identical with Lindley's *E. acutifolia*.

⁴ This specimen is not listed on the CAS Botany Collection online Database, therefore could not be checked. However with absolute certainty it does not represent *E. acutifolia* Lindley.

⁵ *E. holwayi* Rose is not a synonym of *E. acutifolia* Lindley. It is a distinct species.


**E. acutifolia** Lindley is NOT OCCURRING in Mesoamerica.

Correct text:

**Echeveria acutifolia** Lindley, 1842

**Synonym**: *Cotyledon acutifolia* (Lindley) Baker (1869)

**Series** *Gibbiflorae*

**Type**: K.T. Hartweg 749, among the plants found by Mr. Hartweg during a short visit to Oaxaca, possibly from a garden.

**Etymology**: Referring to the shape of the leaves.

**Distribution**: Mexico, no definite locality known.

**Description** by Lindley in *Edwards's Botanical Register*, new ser., vol. 5, pl. 29, 1842:

Caulescent plant.

**Leaves** in rosettes at the top of the stem, subrhomboid, very acute, upper face concave, compared with *E. gibbiflora* they are much more green and richly touched with scarlet.

**Inflorescence** a short narrow erect cylindrical panicle, the lateral branches are short, straight, and only bear three or four flowers in a corymbose manner at the end.

**Flowers**: **Sepals** acute, much shorter than petals, **corolla** rich scarlet tinged with yellow.
Echeveria australis

Flora Mesoamericana:

Lectotipo (designado por Walther, 1972): Costa Rica, Pittier y Rose 523 (imagen en Internet ex US!).
Ilustr.: Walther, Echeveria 225, t. 7 (1972)².

Subarbustos terrestres o epífitos, glabros; tallos hasta 30 cm, escasamente ramificados, la corteza lisa. Hojas 15-70 × 10-35 mm, subarrosetadas a agregadas, obovadas, espatuladas, coriáceas, verdes matizadas con púrpura, escasamente glaucas, el haz cóncavo, el envés carinado, el ápice agudo. Inflorescencias hasta 25 cm, racemosas o paniculadas, con 30-50 flores, las más inferiores en pares; brácteas hasta 25 mm, numerosas, patentes, oblongo-ovadas, de color similar a las hojas; pedicelos 1-5 mm. Flores con sépalos 6-12 mm, subiguales, ascendentes o patentes, verdes matizados de púrpura; corola 11-14 mm, roja por fuera, rosada por dentro con líneas rojas, el ápice acuminado. Folículos 5-7 mm. Selvas altas perennifolias, selvas húmedas.¹

H (Rodríguez 3583, F); N (Rueda et al. 18726, MO)³; CR (Hammel 22244, MO); P (White 39, MO). 800-2200 m. (Endémica.)

¹ The Spanish text is based on Walther’s re-description of Echeveria australis (Echeveria 297, 1972), made « from locally cultivated material » - that means from plants of unknown origin. Therefore the re-description is useless and consequently also the Spanish description in Flora Mesoamericana.

Correct text:

Echeveria australis  Rose, 1903

Series Nudae

Type: Pittier s.n., Rose 523, Volcan Irazu, San José, Costa Rica (US 397557)

Etymology: Latin adjective australis = southern - for the relatively southern distribution in relation to the bulk of the genus.

Distribution: Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras, mostly epiphytic.


Caulescent, 20 - 30 cm long, or 50 - 60 cm including the inflorescence, glaucous.

Leaves broadly spatulate, rounded at apex, 3 - 7 cm long, sometimes 3 cm broad and spoon-shaped, somewhat glaucous and often purplish, thickly set at apex of branches, early falling off below.
Flowering branches stout, bearing numerous large oblong bract-like leaves, inflorescence an elongated equilateral raceme or sometimes more compound, forming a narrow panicle, pedicels 1 cm long or less, slender.

Flowers: Buds strongly 5-angled, acute, sepals unequal, the longer ones 12 mm long, ovate-oblong, purplish, glaucous, nearly or quite free to the base, petals bright red, thickish, a little longer than the longest sepals, nearly distinct, cup-shaped at base, stamens 10, the 5 opposite the sepals borne on petals about one forth the distance above the base.

2 The protologue as well as the watercolour painting of a plant of the type collection (Walther, Echeveria 225, plate 7, 1972) (Fig. 3) impart unmistakably that the flowers are red – the two flower photos below (Fig. 1 & 2) (published in the online version of the Flora Mesoamericana) therefore cannot possibly represent E. australis.

3 In view of the fact that in relevant literature E. australis has never been reported from Nicaragua it is astounding how many Nicaraguan specimens the author has listed, obviously without verifying them, otherwise he could have noticed that they may not represent E. australis (Fig. 4). Of the five Nicaraguan specimens accessible online, none is correctly identified:

Nicaragua Estelí: Cerro Quiabuc, 1485 m, 13°06'50"N 086°25'30"W, 02 February 2010, W. D. Stevens, I. Coronado G. & O. M. Montiel 29385 (HULE, MO) = E. guatemalensis. (Fig. 5)

Nicaragua Estelí: Cerro El Bolsón, 1100 - 1200 m, 13°08'00"N 086°27'00"W, 24 January 1981, W. D. Stevens 19022 (MO) = E. pittieri.

Nicaragua Jinotega: 1380 - 1400 m, 13°13'00"N 086°15'00"W, 16 November 1979, W. D. Stevens & Alfredo Grijalva P. 15762 (MO) = E. pittieri.

Nicaragua Madriz: Cerro Buenavista, 1250 - 1300 m, 13°17'00"N 086°36'00"W, 4 enero 1982, P. P. Moreno 14269 (MO) = an unknown Echeveria.

Nicaragua Madriz: Cerro Buenavista, 1300 - 1400 m, 13°18'00"N 086°36'00"W, 4 enero 1982, P. P. Moreno 14319 (MO) = E. pittieri.

Whether the numerous other Nicaraguan specimens listed are correct is doubtful, but could not be verified because they seem not to be accessible online.
Fig. 1. Photo published in Flora Mesoamericana online, wrongly determined as *E.australis*.

Fig. 2. Photo published in Flora Mesoamericana online, wrongly determined as *E.australis*. 
Fig. 3. Copied from E. Walther, Echeveria 225, 1972.
Fig. 4. Type specimen of *E. australis* Rose.
Fig. 5. *E. guatemalensis* Rose, wrongly determined as *E. australis* Rose.
Echeveria bella

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: México, Chiapas, MacDougall s.n. (NY) ¹.

Hierbas terrestres, semi-cespitosas, glabras; tallos delgados, muy cortos, con numerosas ramas
Flora Mesoamericana, Volumen 2(3), Crassulaceae, página 7 de 25 laterales divergiendo cerca de la base.
Hojas 20-25(-80) × 2-5(-25) mm, apretadamente agrupadas, lineares, oblanceoladas, espatuladas, coriáceas, verdes, el haz y el envés convexos, el ápice agudo. Inflorescencias 1-variadas, hasta 25 cm, racemosas, con 10-12 flores; pedúnculo rojo; brácteas c. 20 × 5 mm, oblongo-lanceoladas, verdes, comprimidas; pedicelos 3-10 mm, los más inferiores frecuentemente partidos y con 2 flores. Flores con sépalos 4-6 mm, subiguales, patentes o ascendentes, lineares, subteretes, verdes; corola c. 10 mm, c. 6 mm en diámetro basalmente, 5-angulada, ligeramente urceolada, la 1/2 inferior roja, amarilla distalmente, los lobos patentes en las puntas. Laderas rocosas secas. ²

Ch. 1800-2300 m. (Endémica.)

¹ referred to as E. B-6 in his fieldnotes.

² The Spanish description is not correct because it is not based on the protologue by E. Alexander. Instead it is based on E. Walther's re-description (Echeveria 357, 1972) which however - apart from being obsolete - is useless because it is made from « plants cultivated by V. Reiter, Jr. San Francisco, obtained from Dr. J. Meyran, Mexico City, 1959 » - that means from plants without known origin. Moreover E. Walther died on July 1, 1959, so cannot possibly have been able to describe a plant only received from Dr. Meyran in 1959 by V. Reiter but already cultivated in his garden.

Correct text:

Echeveria bella Alexander, 1941

Series Racemosae

Type: MacDougall s.n. (NY). Plant collected winter 1938/39 near San Cristobal Las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, (referred to as E. B-6 in his fieldnotes).

Distribution: Mexico (Chiapas: San Cristobal Las Casas and near San Felipe Ecatepec, Zinacantán, Nabenchauk).

First Description by Alexander in Cactus and Succulent Journal US 13(8): 133-135. 1941:

Plant caespitose and freely offsetting.
The **rosettes** dense, 2 - 4 cm in diameter.

**Leaves** 1.2 - 1.8 cm long, narrowly oblanceolate, acute, 2 - 4 mm wide, bright yellow-green, not at all glaucous.

**Inflorescence** 10 - 20 cm tall, erect, its **bracts** very different from the leaves, 18 mm long and 5 mm broad, becoming reduced upwards, acutish, the upper ones somewhat glaucous as also is the reddish rachis; flowers 4 - 12 in a multilateral raceme, the **pedicels** reddish, 6 - 10 mm long, occasionally 2-flowered, the two bracts linear, 2 - 5 mm long.

**Flowers** : **Calyx** yellow-green, somewhat glaucous, the tube 1 mm long, the lobes spreading, linear, obtuse, nearly equal, 3 - 5 mm long; **corolla** 8 - 10 mm long, orange-yellow flushed with rosy-scarlet especially on the upper side, campanulate, sharp-angled in bud, blunt-angled in flower, the lobes spreading apart nearly to the middle, the tips recurved; **stamens** opposite the petals 5 mm long, those opposite the sepals 6 mm long; **carpel-cluster** broadly ovoid, 7 - 8 mm long, the carpel bodies pale greenish-yellow, **stigma** and **styles** bright green, the styles 2 mm long; **nectarine** gland white, 1.5 mm broad.
Echeveria bella fa bella

Flora Mesoamericana:

3a. Echeveria bella Alexander var. bella. ¹

Hojas 20-25 × 2-5 mm, apretadamente agrupadas, marcadamente ascendentes, lineares a oblanceoladas, espatuladas, verdes, el haz y el envés convexos. Laderas rocosas secas. ²

Ch (Carlson 160, F). c. 1800 m. (Endémica.)

Correct text:

¹ Correct name: Echeveria bella fa bella.

Synonym: Echeveria bella var. bella.

² The description is not correct because it is based on Walther (l.c.) instead of on Alexander (l.c.)
Echeveria bella fa major

Flora Mesoamericana:

3b. Echeveria bella Alexander var. major E. Walther, Echeveria 358 (1972).\(^1\)
Holotipo: México, Chiapas, MacDougall B-180 (CAS).
Ilustr.: Walther, Echeveria 358, t. 116b (1972).\(^2\)

Echeveria bella Alexander forma major (E. Walther) Kimnach.

Hojas 40-80 × 12-25 mm, obovadas, inconspicuamente carinadas en el haz. Laderas rocosas secas.\(^3\)

Ch (MacDougall B-180, BH); G (Molina R. 21446, F). 1800-2300 m. (Endémica.)

Esta variedad solo se conoce de dos colecciones.

- Guatemala: [15°46’30”N 090°13’30”W], Antonio Molina R. 21446 (F)\(^4\)
- México Chiapas: 6000 ft, 1958, Thomas B. MacDougall B-180 (BH, CAS)

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\(^1\) Correct name: Echeveria bella fa major (Walther) Kimnach, 1997
\(^2\) The illustration is Fig. 194, not 116b.
\(^3\) The measures given in the above description are not correct.
\(^4\) This is not correct, there are not two collections, the specimens Antonio Molina R. 21446, collected in Guatemala, have been wrongly identified, they do not represent E. bella fa major, they show an entirely different plant (Fig. 7 & 8). Most likely E. bella fa major is restricted to Chiapas, i.e. does not occur in Guatemala.

Correct text:

**Echeveria bella fa major** (Walther) Kimnach, 1997

**Synonym**: Echeveria bella var. major  Walther (1972)

**Type**: MacDougall 1958/B.180, CAS 413925, collected on Pan-American Highway near Nabenchauc, before San Cristobal Las Casas, ca 2000 m (Fig. 6).

**Distribution**: Mexico (Chiapas : Known only from type locality).

**First Description by Walther** as E. bella var. major in Echeveria 358, 1972:
Quite similar to var. *bella*, but differing clearly in having

- larger **leaves**, obscurely keeled above, which may be 8 cm long and 2 cm broad near apex, to 9 mm wide at base;

- only three of the lower **pedicels** were 2-flowered;

- the **sepals** appear somewhat broader and rather more ascending;

- the **corolla** is 11 mm long.
Fig. 6. Type specimen of *E. bella* fa *major* Walther.
Fig. 7. Specimen collected in Guatemala, wrongly identified as *E. bella* var *major*.
Fig. 8. Specimen collected in Guatemala, wrongly identified as *E. bella* var. *major*.
Echeveria chiapensis see Echeveria rosea
Echeveria coccinea

Flora Mesoamericana:

5. Echeveria coccinea (Cav.) DC., Prodr. 3: 401 (1828).
Cotyledon coccinea Cav., Icon. 2: 54 (1793).
Lectotipo (designado por Walther, 1972): Cav., Icon. 2: t. 170 (1793).
Ilustr.: Walther, Echeveria 389, t. 208 (1972).

Hierbas litofíticas, los tallos, las inflorescencias y las flores velutinos; tallos erectos, hasta 60 cm. Hojas 60-80 × 15-20 mm, laxamente agregadas cerca del extremo de los tallos, oblanceoladas, carnosas, verdes o verdes teñidas de rojo, el haz convexo, la base no definida 1, los márgenes enteros, el ápice agudo. Inflorescencias 1 o 2, hasta 30 cm, espiciformes, erectas o ascendentes con 25-50 flores; brácteas similares a las hojas, gradualmente reducidas en tamaño distalmente; flores subsésiles o sobre pedicelos hasta 3 mm. Flores con sépalos 8-13 mm, ascendentes o patentes, linear-lanceolados, verdes o verdes teñidos de rojo, el ápice acuminado; pétalos erectos, 10-12 mm, marcadamente aquillados, rojo escarlata por fuera, anaranjados por dentro. Folículos 5-8 mm, pardos. Laderas rocosas secas. 2

Ch (Carlson 1618, F). 2100-2500 m. (México [Distrito Federal, Hidalgo, Oaxaca, Puebla3], Mesoamérica.)

1 The origin of this remark is unknown, it is definitely not from the First Description by Cavanille which indicates the base of the leaves as terete, neither from any subsequent description.

2 Apart from being inaccurate in several respects, the Spanish description lacks the decisive feature: The bracteoles subtending the flowers are longer than the petals. Apparently the author failed to consult Reid Moran’s article on E. coccinea in Cact. Succ. J. US 48: 227-228, 1976 – see below.

3 A specimen from Chiapas is listed, however in the list of Mexican states, Chiapas is lacking, also lacking are Guanajuato, Tlaxcala, Veracruz and Querétaro.

Correct text:

Echeveria coccinea (Cavanilles) DC, 1828

Synonyms:
Cotyledon coccinea Cavanilles (1793)
Echeveria pubescens Schlechtendal (1839) / Cotyledon pubescens (Schlechtendal)
Baker (1869)
Echeveria longifolia hort.

Series Echeveria
Type: Not designated.


Etymology: Latin "coccineus" = deep red : referring to the red flowers.

Distribution: Mexico (Hidalgo, Distrito Federal, Guanajuato, Puebla, Oaxaca, TLaxcala, Chiapas, Veracruz, Querétaro).

Description by Reid Moran in *Cactus and Succulent Journal US* 48: 227-228. 1976:

Plant gray velvety pubescent on all exposed parts, with tapering pluricellular trichomes to 2.5 mm long.

Stems to 70 cm high or trailing to 1 m or more, 0.5 - 2 cm thick, glabrescent, becoming silvery gray, usually little branched but sometimes shrubby.

Rosettes 5 - 20 cm wide, of 8 - 17 leaves crowded at stem apex, or the lower somewhat separated.

Rosette leaves elliptic to oblanceolate or cuneate-ovovate, acute to acuminate, 3 - 13.5 cm long, 1 - 3.5 cm wide, 4 - 8 mm thick, channeled ventrally acutely so towards base, the margins rounded, the base subterete, 5 - 8 mm wide.

Floral stems arising just below stem apex but by late anthesis as much as 8 cm below, 20 - 70 (-100) cm high, 4 - 13 mm thick, with 25 - 60 leaves below inflorescence, the leaves ascending to downcurved, elliptic to oblanceolate, acute to acuminate, channeled ventrally, short-spurred, the lowest to 7 cm long, 2.5 cm wide, 4 mm thick.

Inflorescence spicate to subracemose, dense to rather open, of 15 - 60 (-110) flowers, the bracts lanceolate to oblanceolate, narrowly acute, commonly exceeding flowers, the pedicels 2 - 4 mm thick, 0 - 2 (-4) mm long, the paired bracteoles linear, 5 - 15 mm long.

Flowers July to March. Calyx disk 4 - 6 mm wide, the segments mostly spreading or slightly reflected, nearly equal or those of one flower differing by as much as one-third, triangular-lanceolate, narrowly acute, 5 - 15 mm long, 2 - 5 mm wide, 1.5 - 3 mm thick, biconvex with obtuse margins.
**Corolla** scarlet to castilian red, orange-yellow within, 9 - 15 mm long, 7 - 10 mm wide at base, 8 - 11 mm wide above, pentagonal with flattish sides, **petals** connate 3 - 5 mm, narrowly ovate, acute to subacuminate, apiculate, 3 - 5 mm wide, slightly ascending from top of corolla tube and not in contact above middle of free part, acutely keeled, the well-defined nectar pit with conspicuously thickened upper rim, **filaments** yellow, subulate, 5 - 8 mm long from corolla base, 0.7 - 1 mm wide at base, **anthers** yellow.

Cytology : n = 23, 25.

Echeveria corallina

*Echeveria corallina* Alexander, 1941

The author of genus *Echeveria* in Flora Mesoamericana failed to notice that Walther’s text of *Echeveria sessiliflora* in fact is Alexander’s description of *E. corallina*. While the name *E. sessiliflora* belongs to the synonymy of *E. pinetorum*, it is *E. corallina* which has to be indicated for Chiapas. (See remarks for *E. pinetorum* and *E. sessiliflora* below.)


Series *Mucronatae*

**Type**: MacDougall s.n., collected south of Zapaluta (Trinitaria), Chiapas, Mexico, winter 1938-39.

**Etymology**: Named for the flower colour.

**Distribution**: Mexico (Chiapas).

**First Description by Alexander** in *Cactus and Succulent Journal US* **13**: 135-136. 1941:

Plant short-caulescent.

**Stem** 2 - 3 cm long, eventually branching below.

**Leaves** in a loose terminal rosette, oblanceolate, abruptly acute, 6 - 8 cm long, 15 - 16 mm broad, pale green with brownish purple margins and red apiculus, the whole leaf frequently shaded with brownish pink, very glaucous, the glaucescence producing a soft pinkish tone to the foliage.

**Inflorescence** 40 - 50 cm tall, erect, with **bracts** similar to the leaves but more green and reduced upwards, the flowering portion roseate-salmon with a glaucous overcast.
Flowers 20 - 25, multilaterally arranged, sessile or on 1 mm pedicels which are oblique bulges off the rachis, calyx slate blue-green, the tube 0.5 mm long, the lobes appressed to the corolla, ovate to ovate-lanceolate, acute, very unequal, the two longest 7 mm long, the intermediate 6 mm long, the two shortest 4 mm long, corolla oblong-conical, 14 mm long, coral red, the petals 3 mm wide with recurved-spreading tips, stamens opposite the petals 6 mm long, the filament terete or nearly so, scarcely enlarged at the base, anthers 1.5 mm long.....

A rather unattractive plant, but beautiful in flower because of the unusual pastel coloring of the inflorescence. Related to E. mucronata, differing principally in its strongly glaucous character and closely appressed calyx-lobes.

Note:
Alexander compared E. corallina with E. mucronata. Nonetheless Walther considered it synonymous with E. sessiliflora; he actually copied Alexander's description of E. corallina and published it as description for E. sessiliflora (Walther, Echeveria 384, 1972). MacDougall, the collector of the plant, clearly disagreed with Walther and stated: "It is unfortunate that Walther did not have access to types at the N.Y.B.G. As one result, we do not agree that E. sessiliflora and E. corallina are the same" (T. MacDOUGALL, Comments on Walther's Echeveria in Cact. Succ. J. US 45: 55. 1973). Obviously there is no reason why E. corallina should be considered synonymous with E. sessiliflora.
Echeveria goldmanii

Flora Mesoamericana :

Holotipo: México, Chiapas, Goldman 802 (US!).
Ilustr.: no se encontró. 1

Subarbustos terrestres, glabros; tallos hasta 20 cm, erectos, ramificados. Hojas 30-50 × 8-10 mm, subarrosetadas, lineares u oblongo-lanceoladas, completamente verdes o los márgenes y el ápice rojos, coriáceas, el haz profundamente cóncavo, la base cuneada, los márgenes atenuados sobre el pecíolo, el ápice agudo; pecíolo c. 5 mm. Inflorescencias 2-numerosas, c. 25 cm, espiciformes, erectas, con 10-15 flores, ligeramente remotas; brácteas hasta 4 cm, oblongas a obovadas, de color similar a las hojas, el ápice abruptamente acuminado; pedicelos 3 mm o menos. Flores con sépalos hasta 5 mm, desiguales, oblongo-ovados, carnosos, verdes, rojo escarlata basalmente; corola hasta 10 mm, erecta, roja por fuera, anaranjada por dentro. Folículos no vistos. Bosques de Pinus-Quercus. 2

Ch (Uhl U2883, BH) 4, 1000-2400 m. (Endémica.)

Specimens listed :
Mexico Chiapas: 27 December 1904, Edward A. Goldman 802 (US) 3
Mexico Chiapas: C.H. Uhl U2883 (BH) 4

1 Ilustrations are published in García & Chavez, Las Crasuláceas de México, photos 64, 249 & 250, 2003.

2 The Spanish description is based on Walther’s re-description of Echeveria goldmanii (Echeveria 319, 1972), made from « plants locally cultivated, presumably received from Dr. Rose » - that means from plants of uncertain origin. Therefore, the re-description is useless and naturally also the Spanish text.

3 The correct date is March 27, 1904.

4 Could not be verified.

Correct text :

Echeveria goldmanii Rose, 1905

Series Nudae

Type : Goldman 802, Comitan, Chiapas, Mexico, March 27, 1904. (US 399990).

Etymology : Named for the collector of the plant, Edward Alphonso Goldman.

Distribution : Mexico (Chiapas : Comitan and mountains near Pasitán).
First Description by Rose in Britton & Rose in *North American Flora* 22: 17. 1905 :

**Stem** at first erect and bushy, often prostrate and rooting at the nodes, sometimes becoming 20 cm high.

**Leaves** glabrous, shining, linear-oblong, 2 - 3 cm long, acute or obtusish, trough-shaped, pale-green with purple. margins.

**Inflorescence** an equilateral (?) raceme, many-flowered; carpels erect.
Echeveria guatemalensis

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: Guatemala, Maxon y Hay 3726 (imagen en Internet ex US!).  

Hierbas sufruticosas o subarbustos epífitos, o algunas veces terrestres, hasta 25 cm, glabros; tallos con múltiples ramificaciones desde la base, erectos o rara vez decumbentes. Hojas 20-45 × 15-20 mm, distribuidas más o menos uniformemente a lo largo de los tallos, no arrosetadas ni agregadas, oblongolanceoladas a obovadas, coriáceas, aplanadas, verdes o rojizas, la base cuneada, el ápice redondeado a obtuso o mucronato. Inflorescencias 2 o más, hasta 25 cm, erectas, con 15-20 flores; pedúnculos pardo-rojizos; pedicelos 5-9 mm. Flores con sépalos 8-10 mm, subiguales, lineares, patentes o ascendentes, verdes o matizados de rojo; corola c. 12 × 12 mm, pentagonal, los pétalos carinados dorsalmente, lanceolados, el ápice apiculado, rosados por fuera, amarillos en los márgenes y por dentro. Folículos c. 8 mm, rostrados. Selvas altas perennifolias.¹

G (Steyermark 46297, F); H (Molina R. 725, F); ES (Linares 2505, MO); N (Standley 11104, F). 1500-3200 m. (Endémica.)

¹ The Spanish text is based on Walther’s re-description of Echeveria guatemalensis (Echeveria 286-287, 1972), made from «living plant obtained from Don B. Skinner of Los Angeles, California» - that means from a plant of unknown origin. Therefore the re-description is useless and accordingly also the Spanish description.

Correct text:

Echeveria guatemalensis Rose, 1909

Series Nudae

Type: Maxon 3726, Volcan de Agua, 2700 - 3000 m, Guatemala, March 22, 1905 US 399713).

Etymology: Referring to the type locality.

Distribution: Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua. Specimens from El Salvador could not be verified.

First Description by Rose in Contributions from the US National Herbarium 12: 395. 1909:
Stems branching especially at base, resembling somewhat both in habit and foliage *Sedum praealtum*, 10 - 15 cm high.

**Leaves** equally distributed on the stem, alternate, spreading nearly at right angles to the stem, fleshy but flattened and thinner than in most species of this genus, 2 - 4 cm long, 2 cm or less broad, spatulate, with a flat surface above, rounded at apex but with a decided mucro, rounded below into a broad petiole, pale green, slightly glaucous, the margins sometimes tinged reddish.

**Flowering branch** 20 - 30 cm long, from the axil of a leaf near the middle of the stem, reddish, bearing numerous reddish leaves.

**Inflorescence** an equilateral raceme bearing 20 or more flowers, **pedicels** 3 - 4 mm long.

**Flowers** : **Sepals** linear, acute, spreading nearly at right angles to the pedicels, **corolla** buds broadly ovoid, acute, the corolla when open 10 mm long and broad in proportion, pinkish below, yellowish above, the lobes acute, **stamens** 10, shorter than the corolla.
Echeveria gudeliana

**Flora Mesoamericana:**

Isotipo: Guatemala, Véliz y Velásquez MV 22564 (FI).

Hierbas epifíticas o litofíticas, hasta 1 m o más en flor, glabras, los tallos y las inflorescencias glaucos; tallos hasta 3 cm o más, robustos, verdes matizados de rosado. Hojas 80-200 × 40-60 mm, arrosetadas en el extremo del tallo, obovado-espatuladas u oblanceolado-espatuladas, coriáceas, verdes matizadas de rosado, el ápice anchamente agudo a obtuso. Inflorescencias 3-4-ramificadas distalmente, con 20-25 flores; pedúnculo verde matizado de rosado o púrpura, glauco; ramas hasta c. 10 cm; pedicelos 3-6 mm. Flores con sépalos 4-5 mm, desiguales, ovados, rojos y glauces, el ápice atenuado; pétalos 15-20 mm, lanceolados, rojos, el ápice atenuado; estambres escasamente más cortos que los pétalos. Fóliculos 12-15 mm. *Laderas rocosas secas.*

Ch (*Croat 46501, MO*); G (*Steyermark 51204, F*). 400-1300 m. (Endémica.)

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1 This text does not at all correspond to the description of *Echeveria gudeliana* by Véliz & García-Mendoza.

The **correct description** reads thus:

**Echeveria gudeliana**  Véliz & García-Mendoza, 2011

**Series Pruinosae**

**Type**: Véliz 22564, Guatemala, Huehuetenango, municipio Nentón, Road to Gracias a Dios, 1074 m, 7 Feb 2011.

**Etymology**: Named for Gudelia Pérez Muñoz.

**Distribution**: Guatemala (Dept. Huehuetenango). Growing in deciduous tropical low forest at 700 – 1100 m on rocks and calcareous hillrocks.

**First Description by Véliz & García-Mendoza** in *Cactus Aventures International* 91: 2-7, ills., 2011:

Perennial, succulent herbaceous plant, 50 - 120 cm high including the inflorescence, caulescent.
**Stems** up to 20 cm long and 2 cm in diameter, erect or ascending.

**Rosettes** at the end of the stems, 20 – 30 cm in diameter.

**Leaves** 15 – 20, ascending, oblanceolate, 15 - 20 cm long, 10 - 12.5 cm wide, sessile, pruinose, extremity blunt, apiculate, trinerved.

**Inflorescence** lateral, lax, paniculate, pruinose, with 3 – 4 cincinni, bracts similar to rosette leaves but smaller, floral bracts 2 – 3 cm long, 1.2 – 1.5 cm wide, sub-peltate, succulent, sessile, extremity thin, **pedicels** up to 3 mm long, pruinose.

**Flowers** secund, **Sepals** unequal, 3 of (5-) 8 - 12 mm long, 4 - 5 mm wide, lanceolate, and 2 of 14 - 22 mm long, 7 - 10 mm wide, fused at the bas, fleshy, curved, green, **petals** 2 cm long and 6 - 7 mm wide, lanceolate-elongated, fleshy, carinate, acuminate, reddish, pruinose.

Flowering time : December – March.

The closest species is *Echeveria desmetiana* however the differences between the two species are obvious.
Echeveria macrantha

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: Guatemala, Steyermark 32808 (F!).
Ilustr.: no se encontró.

Hierbas terrestres sufruticasas, las hojas, los pedúnculos y los sépalos hírtulos; tallos erectos, robustos, escasamente ramificados. Hojas 20-30 × 20-30 mm, densamente arrosetadas en los extremos de las ramas, orbiculares a muy ampliamente obovadas, carnosas, el haz y el envés hírtulos, verde pálido matizado de rojo a lo largo de los márgenes, la base anchamente cuneada, el ápice redondeado u obtuso; pecíolo ausente. Inflorescencias con 3 o 4 flores; pedúnculos 50-60 mm, hírtulos; pedicelos 8-10 mm, hírtulos. Flores con sépalos c. 8 × 4 mm, ovados, hírtulos; corola de color desconocido, los pétalos (fructificación) 15-20 mm, angostamente lanceolados, carinados dorsalmente, el ápice acuminado; estambres no vistos. Folículos 15-20 mm, hírtulos. Laderas rocosas secas.

G (Steyermark 32808, F). 2000-2200 m. (Endémica.)

Echeveria macrantha solo se conoce del holotipo, un ejemplar en fruto con solo dos hojas.

1 The measures invariably do not correspond accurately with the First Description. As E. macrantha is only known from the type species, i.e. has never been in cultivation, the altered measures lack any basis.

Correct text:

Echeveria macrantha  Standley & Steyermark, 1944

Series Echeveria

Type: Steyermark 32808, Guatemala, Dept. Jalapa: Dry rocky slopes, Montaña Miramundo at Buena Vista, alt. 2000 - 2200 m, December 6, 1939.

Etymology: Gr. "makros" = large and "anthos" = flower > for the large flowers.

Distribution: Guatemala (Jalapa).

First Description by Standley & Steyermark in Field Museum of Natural History, Botany ser. 23(4): 159. 1944 (Translation by E. Walther in Echeveria 409, 1972):

Plants erect, suffrutescent, sparingly branched, the branches as much as 1 cm thick, leafy only at the tips.
Leaves densely rosulate at the ends of the branches, sessile, rounded-cuneate, 3 cm long, 20 - 28 mm wide, broadly rounded or subtruncate at the apex and very shortly apiculate, very broadly cuneate at base, thick-carnose, abundantly but not very densely hirtellous on both surfaces, pale yellowish green, the margins rose-colored.

Peduncle stout, 45 mm long, about 3-flowered, the fruiting pedicels 8 mm long, thick, densely hirtellous.

Flowers: Sepals almost free, 8 mm long, lanceolate-oblong, gradually narrowed to the obtuse apex, densely hirtellous, corolla in age persistent, pubescent outside, 2 cm long, the petals narrowly lanceolate, gradually attenuate to the apex, acutely carinate dorsally, follicles 15 mm long, sparsely pubescent (ventrally) with brownish hairs, the body lanceolate-oblong, 8 mm long, attenuate into a slender beak of about the same length.
Echeveria maxonii

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: Guatemala, Maxon 3406 (imagen en Internet ex US!).

Subarbustos epíficos o litófíticos, hasta 80 cm, glabros; tallos de madera suave, erectos o decumbentes. Hojas 20-50 x 5-15 mm, arrosetadas o laxamente agregadas en el extremo de los tallos, obovadas, espatuladas, coriáceas, el haz profundamente cóncavo, el envés redondeado, diminutamente papilosas 2, verdes a amarillo-verdes, el ápice obtuso o agudo, la punta generalmente mucronata. Inflorescencias 20-60 cm, racemosas, con 10-25 flores; pedúnculo delgado, rojizo; brácteas c. 10 mm, ovoides, las flores verdes o amarillo-verdes; pedicelos 4-6 mm. Flores con sépalos 3-5 mm, desiguales, oblongos, carnosos, purpúreos; pétalos 8-10 mm, oblongos, rojos, con rayas amarillo brillante o sin estas; estambres 6-8 mm. Lados rocosas secas. 1

G (Skutch 798, F). 2500-3500 m. (Endémica.)

1 The Spanish summary seems to be a mixture of the re-description by Standley & Steyermark’ (1946) and Walther’s re-description (Echeveria 294-295, 1972), in any case not a translation of the First Description by Rose (1909).

2 «diminutamente papilosas» refers to Walther’s re-description, the protologue does not mention any papillae. So it is doubtful whether the plants Walther described were identical with Rose’s E. maxonii, what means his re-description is useless and accordingly also the Spanish description.

Correct text:

Echeveria maxonii  Rose, 1909

Series Nudae

Type: Maxon 3406, Guatemala, Dept. Baja Vera Paz, Chuacús, between Salamá and Las Canoas, January 22, 1905. (US 473390)

Etymology: Named for William R. Maxon, who had collected the plant.

Distribution: Guatemala (Dept. Quetzaltenango, Solola, Zacapa, Baja Vera Paz, El Progreso, Totonicapan); Honduras (Dept. Francesco Morazán) according to Kimnach in IHSP, 2003.
First Description by Rose in Contributions from the US National Herbarium 12: 395. 1909:

Stems glabrous, frutescent, at first erect, becoming decumbent, 60 - 80 cm long, naked below, very leafy near tips.

Leaves on young or slowly growing plants massed near the top but in vigorous shoots rather distant, standing at right angles to the stem, 3 - 10 cm long, spatulate, narrowed at base into a more or less definite petiole, rounded below, decidedly trowel-shaped above, obtuse or acutish, green on the under surface, not at all glaucous, the margins more or less purplish.

Inflorescence an equilateral raceme or sometimes becoming a narrow panicle, peduncle elongate, 20 - 30 cm long, leafy (in our herbarium specimens often naked).

Flowers: Sepals distinct, semiterete, acute, glaucous, unequal, spreading with age, petals distinct nearly to the base, erect except the tips, these spreading, salmon-pink in color, stamens 10, scales white.
Echeveria montana

Flora Mesoamericana:


Echeveria nuda Lindl. var. montana (Rose) Poelln. 1

Hierbas terrestres 2, glabras 3; tallos hasta 50 cm, escasamente ramificados distalmente. Hojas 40-70 × 30-40 mm 4, agregadas en el extremo de los tallos, obovadas a anchamente obovadas, coriáceas 5, verdes, el envés carinado, el ápice obtuso, mucronado, la base abruptamente atenuada hacia un pecíolo corto de 1-3 mm. Inflorescencias 1 o 2, racemosas, con 10-20 flores; pedúnculo hasta 60 cm, amarillo-verde, matizado de rosado; brácteas c. 2 × 1 cm 6, similares a los hojas pero menores; pedicelos 1-4 mm. Flores con sépalos 6-12 mm 7, desiguales, lanceolados, verdes, el ápice agudo; corola urceolada, roja-anaranjada a rojo escarlata, amarilla por dentro, los pétalos 10-14 mm 8, ovados, el ápice acuminado; estambres incluidos. Folículos c. 10 mm. Selvas medianas perennifolias mixtas.

Ch 9 (Matuda 2047, MEXU); G 10 (Soule y Prather 3061, MO). 1500-3400 m. (México [Oaxaca], Mesoamérica.)

1 Poellnitz' reducing of Echeveria montana to a variety of E. nuda, without discussion or explanation, is not comprehensible, he obviously knew no further localities and his description is only a German translation of Rose's English text. E. nuda and E. montana are different and quite distinct, they have different chromosome numbers, so E. montana can't possibly be a variety of E. nuda.

2 E. montana is also growing epiphytically.

3 E. montana is not glabrous. Already Rose, though describing it from dried material, indicates that the flowering stem is granular-roughened, and Reid Moran in his detailed description states that the plant is papillose (Cactus and Succulent Journal US 37(6): 178-183. 1965).

4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Not corresponding to the protologue.

9 The specimen Matuda 2047, MEXU is far too poor to provide evidence that E. montana is occurring in Chiapas - see Fig. 9.

10 Standley and Steyermark (1946) reported E. montana from Guatemala, but they worked from dried material and R. Moran (1965), after having examined the specimens on which their report was based, does not consider any of them to be E. montana.

Whether E. montana is occurring in Guatemala at all is rather unlikely. Uhl reports three collections from Guatemala (growing at 2160 - 2230 m), but his photos of Guatemalan plants do not correspond to Moran's description of plants from the region of the type locality in Oaxaca. Their inflorescences with very long bracts exceeding the
flowers are similar to those of *E. coccinea*. Whether the Soule y Prather 3061 specimen is correct, could not be verified as it seems not to be accessible online.

**Correct texts :**

**Echeveria montana** Rose, 1903

**Synonym** : *Echeveria nuda* var. *montana* (Rose) von Poellnitz (1936).

**Type** : Pringle 4706, collected 1894, on ledges, trees etc. Sierra de San Felipe, ca 3150 m. US 48365.

**Series Nudae**

**Etymology** : Referring to the habitat.

**Distribution** : Mexico, Oaxaca, Sierra de San Felipe, 2600 - 3500 m. Whether plants collected in Guatemala and Chiapas are correctly identified is uncertain.


**Leaves** in a dense rosette at the top of the stem, orbicular or obovate, somewhat narrowed below, glabrous, 5 - 6 cm long.

**Flowering stems** somewhat granular-roughened above, rather densely leafy-bracted below, 20 - 30 cm long, many-flowered, inflorescence an equilateral raceme.

**Flowers** : **Sepals** ovate-lanceolate, 6 - 7 mm long, **corolla** 1 cm long.

Rose' description is based on dried material, therefore the papillosity characteristic for *E. montana* was not visible. Nevertheless the flowering stem is described as granular-roughened.


**Caudex** erect, ± branching, 20 - 50 cm tall, 8 - 23 mm thick, at first pale green, becoming greener, then sometimes tan or marked with brown, then gradually silvery gray, appearing smooth but **finely papillose**, in age minutely and irregularly forrowed, the old leafbase sites enlarging sometimes to 18 mm wide and 12 mm high, the attachment scars elliptic, pinkish tan, later fading, sometimes becoming 10 mm wide and 12 mm high, the single bundle scar elliptic, 1 - 2 mm wide sometimes with aerial roots.
Rosettes flattish, 10 - 25 cm wide, of 15 - 25 leaves rather crowded or the lower well separated.

Rosette leaves glossy green, paler dorsally, in sun sometimes red dorsally and on margins, spatulate to obovate-spataulate, obtuse to rounded, mucronate, 4 - 12 cm long, 2.5 - 4.5 cm wide above, 6 - 10 mm wide at the base, 5 - 8 mm thick at the base and gradually thinner upward, rounded and faintly keeled dorsally, flattish or mostly channelled or slightly cupped ventrally, the margins acute except toward the base, narrowly hyaline, sometimes red, papillose, sometimes irregularly crenulate, minutely undulate, or subfimbriate, the surface appearing smooth but minutely low-papillose by the lenticular protrusion of each epidermal cell.

Floral stems erect, 25 - 55 cm tall (including the raceme), 5 - 8 mm thick at the base, becoming dark purplish red, bare in the lower 1 - 3 cm, with 12 - 25 ascending leaves rather equally distributed above; the stems, bracts, pedicels, calyx and corolla very finely muriculo-papillose, the papillae one per epidermal cell but smaller than the cell surface, ca. 0.025 mm high and about as wide at the base.

Stem leaves obovate-spatulate, mucronate, spurred, the lower 2.5 - 5 cm long, 1.5 - 2.5 cm wide, the upper narrower, the spur white, obliquely cuspidate, ca 3 - 4 mm long.

Inflorescence erect from the first, a raceme 15 - 25 cm long, of 15 - 25 flowers, the lowest 1 - 2 branches sometimes 2-flowered, the flowers often all ± turned to one side. Bracts like the upper stem leaves but narrower upwards, the middle and upper elliptic-oblanceolate, acute, the base appressed the blade spreading to deflexed. Pedicels horizontal, 2 - 13 mm long, 1.5 - 3 mm thick, red, the two bracteoles anywhere from base to apex, subequal, green elliptic, acute, spurred, 7 - 15 mm long, 1.5 - 5 mm wide.

Flowers in June and July (San Diego), open mostly 6 - 7 days.

Calyx disk 4 - 7 mm wide, the segments nearly equal, ascending or in anthesis sometimes wide-spreading, oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, green, 6 - 12 mm long, 2 - 6 mm wide, 1 - 1.5 mm thick, biconvex, with acute margins, the upper one sometimes spurred.

Corolla 8 - 14 mm long, 6 - 13 mm thick at the base, 3 - 5 mm wide at the apex, dandelion yellow at the apex and within, bright red toward the base and on the keels especially on the upper side, pyramidal-ovoid, sometimes slightly oblique at the mouth by the protrusion of the upper petals, the sides broadly channeled to a depth of 0.5 - 1.5 mm. Petals non-convolute, connate 2 - 5 mm, oblong-ovate, to oblong-spataulate, broadly acute, apiculate, 3.5 - 8 mm wide, 1 - 1.5 mm thick, subacutely keeled, with concave flanks, ventrally broadly channeled in the distal half, the channel below ca 1 mm wide and deep, between prominent shoulders, the nectar pit hemispheric, 2 - 2.5 mm wide, the keel ending in a stout conic subdorsal apicula 0.5 - 0.8 mm long.
Filaments subulate, yellowish, extending to 3 - 7 mm from the corolla base, 0.6 - 1.0 mm wide, the epipetalous inserted at the upper margin of the nectar pit, the antesepalous slightly longer, adnate 1 - 3 mm, anthers yellow.

Cytology : n = 22.

Fig. 9. Matuda 2047 – no proof for the presence of E. montana in Chiapas.
Echeveria papillosa

Flora Mesoamericana:

Isotipo: Guatemala, *Uhl 2589* (imagen en Internet ex US!).

Hierbas litofíticas, los tallos, hojas y flores papilosos; tallos hasta 8 cm o más, esparcidamente papilosos. Hojas 25-35 × 10-16 mm, en una roseta laxa en el extremo de los tallos, obovado-oblanceoladas y espatifoladas, carnosas, el envés carinado, el haz y el envés verdes, uniformemente papilosos, los papilas diminutas y hemisféricas, los márgenes rojizos con papilas oblongo-ciliadas, el ápice obtuso, la punta mucronata. Inflorescencias hasta 5 cm o más, reclinadas, racemosas, con 7-20 flores; pedúnculo 6-8 cm, verde matizado de rojo, moderadamente papiloso; brácteas 1.5-2.5 × 1-1.3 cm, similares a las hojas, verdes; pedicelos 4-25 mm, rojizos, esparcidamente papilosos. Flores con los sépalos 5-8 × 2-3 mm, subiguales, ovado-ellípticos, verdes y rojizos, densamente papilosos; corola 8-10 × 6-8 mm, globoso-campanulada, los pétalos ovado-ellípticos, carinados dorsalmente, densamente papilosos, rojizo-anaranjados por fuera, amarillos por dentro; estambres 2-3 mm. Folículos no vistos. Laderas rocosas secas.

G (*Uhl 2589*, BH). c. 3000 m. (Endémica.)

*Echeveria papillosa* solo se conoce de la colección tipo.

The Spanish summary of Kimnach & Uhl’s description leaves much to be desired:

1 Not all parts of the flowers are papillosse - androecium and gynoecium explicitly are not papillosse.
2 The rosette is diffuse, not lax.
3 This is not mentioned in the original text.
4 The original text does not describe the leaves as spatulate.
5 Neither are they described as «carnosas».
6 «El ápice obtuso, la punta mucronata» - obviously this refers to the papillae, however the papillae are not mucronate! It’s the leaf apex which is mucronate etc.

**Correct text:**

*Echeveria papillosa* Kimnach & Uhl, 1983

**Series Racemosae**

**Type**: Uhl 2589. HBG 42174. Guatemala : Dept. Totonicapán, at base of cliffs 0.4 km S of Pan American Highway at a point 19 km SE of junction at San Cristobal Totonicapán, 3000 m, Jan. 6, 1980.

**Etymology**: For the more or less dense covering of papillae on almost all parts of the plant.
**Distribution**: Guatemala (Totonicapán).

Plant papillose in all parts except androecium and gynoecium.

**Roots** fibrous.

**Stems** to 8 cm long or more, 8 - 12 mm thick, nearly lacking papillae.

**Rosettes** proliferous, to 18 or more, rather diffuse, 5 - 10 cm wide, 2 - 3 cm high, with 15 - 25 leaves.

**Leaves** obovate-oblanceolate, subobtuse, mucronate, 2.5 - 3.5 cm long, the mucro acute, 1 - 3 mm long, often curved to one side, the shoulders of the leaf-apex often unequal, 10 - 16 mm wide at the widest part (ca 3/4 above base), 8 - 10 mm wide at base, ca 5 mm thick at widest part, ca 3 mm thick near base, ± concave in apical third, flat to somewhat convex below, the lower surface obtusely keeled, more acutely keeled toward apex, the epidermis green, somewhat reddened along margins and at apex, the papillae minute and hemispherical on upper and lower leaf surfaces, forming oblong, obtuse cilia in several parallel rows along margins, largest near leaf-apex, colorless to red.

**Flowering stems** to five or more, suberect, equilaterally racemose or often with the lower flowers in two's 10 - 12 cm long, the **peduncle** 6 - 8 cm long, the lower 1 - 3 cm without leaves, 4 - 7 mm thick, moderately papillose, strongly reddened, the leaves 12 - 18, their points of attachment ca 5 - 7 mm apart, ascending, more rarely spreading, shaped like the rosette-leaves, 1.5 - 2.5 cm long, 10 - 13 mm wide, green, rather loosely attached and with a gibbous to divergent, semi-clasping, obtuse or sometimes sub-acute basal spur; inflorescence densely sub-capitate in bud or in early flowering, later 4 - 9 cm long, 7 - 20 - flowered, branches 2 - 6, ascending, 4 - 25 mm long, 2 - 3 mm thick, smooth and shiny, nearly epapillose, reddened, each branch with 1 - 3 **bracteoles** that are 8 - 14 mm long, 3 - 7 mm wide, 2 - 3 mm thick, papillose, ciliate, green.

**Flowers** : **Sepals** united at base for 1.5 - 2 mm, ascending, ovate-elliptical, acute, somewhat unequal, 5 - 8 mm long, 2 - 3 mm wide, 1.5 - 2 mm thick, heavily papillose, ciliate, green, or often reddish, becoming thickened (to 4 mm) after flowers dry, **corolla** campanulate-globose, 8 - 10 mm long, 6 - 8 mm thick, the limb 5 - 8 mm wide, the **petals** united at base for less than 1 mm, ovate-elliptical, acute, subapiculate with the apices recurving slightly in some clones, sub-erect in others, 2.5 - 3.5 mm wide, more or less distinctly keeled on back, reddish orange and heavily papillose on outer surface, yellow and epapillose within, gibbously swollen inside near base on each side ......

Cytology : **n** = 15.
Echeveria pinetorum

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: México, Chiapas, Goldman 1013 (imagen en Internet ex US!).

Echeveria huehueteca Standl. et Steyerm. 1, E. sessiliflora Rose var. pinetorum (Rose) Poelln.

Hierbas acaulescentes o subcaulescentes, terrestres, con raíces carnosas, fusiformes, glabras. Hojas 20-40 × 10-25 mm, en rosetas densas, angostamente oblanceoladas, coriáceas, el haz aplanado o ligeramente cóncavo, el envés redondeado, amarillo-verdes, los márgenes matizados de rojo, el ápice agudo a acuminado; pecíolo ausente. Inflorescencias 1 o 2, hasta 30 cm, racemosas, erectas, con 8-20 flores; brácteas 1-3 cm, lanceolado-ovadas, amarillo-verdes, los márgenes matizados de rojo; flores sésiles o los pedicelos 1-4 mm. Flores con sépalos 2-3 mm, subiguales, ovados, amarillo-verde oliva, el ápice agudo; corola 8-10 mm, urceolada, los pétalos rojo escarlata basalmente, amarillos apicalmente; estambres 6-8 mm. Folículos no vistos. Bosques de Quercus o Juniperus. 2

Ch (Calzada et al. 3568, MO); G (Smith 114, F). 2000-3500 m. (Endémica.)

1 Echeveria huehueteca has been described from plants found in Guatemala, Dept. Huehuetenango. Uhl is not convinced that it is identical with E. pinetorum from Chiapas and Oaxaca. However as long as there is no living material available, this problem remains unsolved.

2 Instead of consulting the First Description by Rose, the author of the Spanish text relied on E. Walther, Echeveria 381-383, 1972. Had he studied carefully Rose's publication he would have noticed that Rose's description of E. pinetorum is almost identical with his description of E. sessiliflora. The types of E. pinetorum and E. sessiliflora have been collected at the same locality: 20 miles southeast of Teopisca, Chiapas, and at the same time: May 8 and May 24, 1904. The only difference worth mentioning is the colour of the leaves: E. pinetorum has green leaves with red margins while E. sessiliflora has pale blue leaves which are somewhat glaucous. This means that Rose did not describe two different species but two a bit different clones of one and the same species. He already was aware that the true relationship of E. pinetorum is with E. sessiliflora. (In habitat green and bluish leaved forms are found growing together.) That means E. sessiliflora is a synonym of E. pinetorum.

Walther also agreed that E. pinetorum is rather close to E. sessiliflora. However unfortunately and not understandably he considered E. corallina as identical with E. sessiliflora and published the latter with the description of the former with the result that E. pinetorum and E. sessiliflora henceforth appeared as two distinct species.
(Echeveria, 384, 1972). Tom Macdougall, the collector of *E. corallina*, already in 1973 draw attention to Walther’s error (T. MacDOUGALL, Comments on Walther’s *Echeveria* in *Cact. Succ. J. US* 45: 55. 1973) but none of the subsequent authors dealing with genus *Echeveria* made an effort to correct it and to reinstate *E. corallina* as distinct species, not to be confused with *E. sessiliflora*.

**Correct text:**

*Echeveria pinetorum*  Rose, 1905

**Synonyms:**
*Echeveria sessiliflora*  Rose (1905)
*Echeveria sessiliflora var. pinetorum*  (Rose) von Poellnitz (1936)
*Echeveria huehueteca*  Standley & Steyermark (1944)

**Series Mucronatae**

**Type**: Goldman 1013, collected in pine woods 20 miles southeast of Teopisca, Chiapas, Mexico, May 8, 1904.

**Etymology**: Named for the occurrence in pine forests.

**Distribution**: Mexico (Chiapas, Oaxaca), Guatemala.

**First Description by Rose** in *North American Flora* 22: 20. 1905 :

Acaulescent, forming very dense rosettes of leaves.

**Leaves** bright-green, the margin tinged with red, narrowly oblanceolate, 2 - 4 cm long, 1 - 1.5 cm broad, rounded beneath, acute and mucronate-tipped.

**Flowering stem**, including the inflorescence, 10 - 25 cm long, bearing closely set leaves 2 - 3 cm long, below, and small ovate ones above.

**Inflorescence** an open-flowered equilateral raceme or spike.

**Flowers** subsessile, **sepals** ovate, acute, somewhat unequal, **corolla** 8 - 10 mm long, its lobes acute.
Echeveria pittieri

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: Guatemala, Pittier 1880 (imagen en Internet ex US!).

Subarbustos epífitos o litófitos, glabros; tallos decumbentes, ramificados. Hojas 40-80 × 15-30 mm, laxamente arrosetadas en el extremo de los tallo, elípticas a obovadas u oblanceoladas, coriáceas ¹, el haz cóncavo, verde oscuro, el envés carinado, verde pálido, la base cuneada y atenuada, el ápice agudo y frecuentemente mucronato; pecíolos 5-15 mm. Inflorescencias hasta 20 cm, espigadas ², con 15-30 flores, distalmente congestas, sésiles o subsésiles; brácteas 2-4 cm, similares a los hojas, verdes basalmente, teñidas de rosado o púrpura por debajo de las flores ³. Flores con sépalos 6-7 × 1-1.5 mm, subiguales, angostamente elípticos, verdos a púrpura pálido, el ápice agudo; corola 10-15 mm, campanulada, marcadamente pentagonal, rojo oscuro por fuera, rosada por dentro, los pétalos elípticos, acuminados; estambres 9-11 mm. Folículos 8-10 mm. Laderas rocosas boscosas. ⁴

G (Standley 80761, F); ES ⁵ (Sandoval 790, F); N (Standley 9837, F). 1000-3000 m. (Endémica.)

¹ «coriáceas» is not mentioned in the protologue, and the leaves of E. pittieri are definitely not «coriáceas».
² Inflorescencias of 20 cm are not «espigadas».
³ The bracts and bractlets subtending the flowers are not 2 – 4 cm long.
⁴ The protologue neither indicates the width of the leaves nor the length of the petiole nor the number of flowers nor the size of the sepals nor the length of the filaments. The Spanish description is arbitrary.
⁵ E. pittieri is often confused with E. australis so whether E. pittieri is actually present in El Salvador is uncertain and could not be verified because the specimen in question seems not to be accessible online.

Correct text:

Echeveria pittieri Rose, 1911

Series Spicatae

Type: Pittier 1880, collected around the lagoon on the Volcan Ipala, Guatemala, 1500 m, 1907. (US 618381)

Etymology: Named for Henry Pittier, collector of Central American and Venezuelan plants.
Distribution: Guatemala (Departments Chiquimula, Sololá, Zacapa, El Progreso, Huehuetenango, Jutiapa, Totonicapan, Quetaltenango); Nicaragua (Dept. Jinotega), Costa Rica (West coast); epiphytic or on rocks in shaded forests.

First Description by Rose in Contributions from the US National Herbarium 13(9): 296. 1911:

Caulescent, 10 cm or more high, crowned at the apex by a loose rosette of leaves, glabrous throughout.

Leaves 6 - 8 cm long, oblanceolate, tapering into a distinct petiole, acute, greenish or somewhat purplish, sometimes a little glaucous.

Flowering stem about 20 cm long, leafy, leaves similar to stem leaves.

Inflorescence a dense spike 4 - 5 cm long, flowers subtended by small linear rose-colored bracts and two inner bractlets.

Flowers: Calyx cleft nearly to the base into linear, acute lobes about two-thirds the length of the corolla, rose-colored, corolla when in bud somewhat 5-angled, corolla about 12 mm long, deeply cleft, the lobes stiff, erect or slightly spreading, acute, rose-colored, with a pronounced pocket near the base within, 5 stamens opposite the 5 petals inserted just above this pocket, the other 5 attached to the corolla but lower down, ovaries erect, tipped by the long, slender styles.

Cytology: n = 62.
Echeveria prunina

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: México, Chiapas, MacDougall B-138 (imagen en Internet ex HNT!).

Hierbas litofíticas, glabras; tallos hasta 10 cm. Hojas 60-90 × 25-45 mm, laxamente 2 arrosetadas, obovado-espatuladas, carnosas 3, cóncavas, el ápice redondeado, la punta mucronada, las hojas jóvenes color violeta y glaucas, las hojas maduras verde-rojizas y no glaucas. Inflorescencias erectas o decumbentes, racemosas, simples o 2-3-ramificadas 4, con 6-14 flores; pedúnculos 19-24 cm, color violeta, glaucos; brácteas 1.8-4.8 × 0.6-1.8 cm, similares a las hojas, color violeta, glaucas; pedicelos 4-8 mm. Flores con sépalos 6-16 × 2-6 mm, desiguales, patentes en la antesis, elíptico-oblongos, color violeta verdoso, el ápice agudo a obtuso; corola 10-13 × c. 8 mm de diámetro, marcadamente pentagonal, los pétalos lanceolados, rosado-rojizos, glaucos, carinados dorsalmente; estambres 5-6 mm 6. Folículos no vistos. Acantilados y afloramientos de roca caliza.

Ch (Breedlove y Thorne 30020, MEXU). 1300-1400 m. (Endémica.)

1 Five photos on pp.294, 295 & 296.
2 The English description reads: Rosettes rather diffuse – not lax!
3 «carnosas» is not mentioned in the English text.
4 «simples o 2-3-ramificadas» is simply wrong. There can be 1–3 floral stems, however the floral stem is not branched at all, and the inflorescence has 1–2 cincinni.
5 The bracts are 1.8 x 4.3 cm, not 4.8 cm.
6 The filaments are 6-7 mm long, not 5-6 mm.
The Spanish text is inadequate.

Correct text:

Echeveria prunina Kimnach & Moran, 1981

Series Gibbiflorae

Type: MacDougall B-138, on rocks at Mirador Cuesa, El Sumidero, near Tuxtla Gutierrez, ca 4000’ alt., Chiapas, Mexico.

Etymology: pruninus lat., like a plum or prune: for the glaucous plum-coloured leaves.

Distribution: Mexico: Chiapas (at the type locality El Sumidero – apparently never found elsewhere).

Stem to ca 10 cm long or more, 1 – 1.5 cm thick, often with aerial roots.

Rosette usually single, rather diffuse, with ca 15 – 25 leaves, 14 – 15 cm wide, to ca 5 cm high.

Leaves spatulate-obovate, somewhat asymmetrical, with one shoulder often more rounded than the other, obtuse, mucronate, 6 – 9 cm long, 6 – 10 mm wide at base, 2.5 – 4.5 cm wide ca 1.5 cm from apex, ca 5 mm thick at base, 2 – 3 mm thick near apex, strongly concave on upper surface when young, only slightly so when mature, obtusely keeled on lower surface, the margins rather sharp, the youngest leaves violet, heavily glaucous, the intermediate plum-coloured and lightly glaucous, the oldest bronzey reddish-green and non-glaucous, mucro subulate, terete, less than 1 mm long, reddened on young leaves, becoming obscure or lacking on older leaves.

Floral stems maturing from February to March, up to 3, erect to decumbent, (10-) 19 – 24 cm long, ca 5 mm thick at base and ca 3 mm thick just below cincinni, violet, glaucous; leaves 10 – 15 (-25), more or less evenly spaced, ca 2 cm apart, the lower expanding, spatulate, not mucronate, the upper ascending, elliptic-oblong, with a mucro less than 1 mm long, all leaves below inflorescence obtuse, truncate or retuse, 18 – 43 mm long, 6 – 18 mm wide, 2.5 – 5 mm thick, the inner surface flat to convex, coloured like the stem leaves.

Inflorescence cymose-racemose, the cincinni 1 – 2, at first laxly circinnate, 6 – 11 cm long, with 6 – 14 flowers, the leaves elliptic to linear, acute, with a basal spur less than 2 mm long, 3 – 16 mm long, 1 - 6 mm wide, 1 – 3 mm thick, pedicels 4 – 8 mm long, 1 – 1.25 mm thick at base, gradually widening to 2 mm just below calyx, the bracteoles 1 – 2 mm long, 1 mm wide or less, deltoid.

Flowers: Calyx disc sub-umbilicate, 3 – 4 mm wide, some sinuses extending almost to the pedicel, the sepal ascending-spreading, markedly unequal, coloured like the leaves, the smaller ones lanceolate to sublinear, acute, 6 – 7 mm long, 2 – 2.5 mm wide, the larger ones elliptic-oblong, acute to obtuse, 8 – 16 mm long and 3 – 6 mm wide, corolla pentagonal in cross section, with flattened sides, 10 – 13 mm long, ca 8 mm thick 2 mm from base, ca 5 mm thick just below apex, ca 6 mm wide at apex, petals lanceolate, acute, connate 1.5 – 2.5 mm, the exterior glaucous-pink, reddish-orange beneath wax, the interior face coloured the same on apical third but light yellow below, ca 4 mm wide near base, ca 2 mm thick but channeled ventrally and hollowed basally to ca 1 mm deep, with a prominent nectar pit ca 2 mm wide and 3 mm long, subobtusely keeled dorsally, the margins acute, filaments 6 – 7 mm long, yellow.

Cytology: n = 28 +1.
Echeveria rosea

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: México, Chiapas, Rose 1011 (imagen en Internet ex NY!).
Ilustr.: Walther, Echeveria 393, t. 175 (1972).

Subarbustos epifíticos o litofíticos, glabros; tallos de madera suave, escasamente ramificados. Hojas 40-70 × 15-25 mm, laxamente arrosetadas en el extremo de los tallos, oblancoeladas a obovadas, coriáceas, el haz verde brillante, el envés amarillo-verde, escasamente glauco, el envés carinado, la base atenuada, el ápice redondeado, la punta mucronata; pecíolo 5-9 mm. Inflorescencias 2 o 3, hasta 50 cm, espiciformes, patentes o erectas, con 15-20 flores en un agregado compacto; pedúnculos verdes cerca de la base, rosados o rojizos distalmente, escasamente glaucos; brácteas 2-4 × 0.5-1 cm, similares a las hojas, verdas cerca de la base, tornándose de manera progresiva rojo oscuro distalmente; pedicelos ausentes o hasta 3 mm. Flores con sépalos 6-10 mm, subiguales, lineares, verdas matizadas de rosado o rojo oscuro, glauco; corola 8-10 mm, pentagonal, los pétalos amarillos; estambres 6-8 mm. Folículos 7-8 mm. Selvas medianas perennes.

Ch (Martínez S. y Stevens 23820, MO); ES 2 (Herrera 3714, MO). 2000-2300 m. (México [Oaxaca, Puebla, Veracruz], Mesoamérica.)

1 The correct name is Echeveria rosea Lindley, E. chiapensis is in the synonymy of E. rosea:

Echeveria rosea  Lindley, 1842

Synonyms:
Courantia echeverioides  Lemaire (1851)
Courantia rosea  Lemaire (1853)
Cotyledon rosea  (Lindley) Baker (1869) / Courantia rosea  (Lindley) Britton & Rose (1903)
Cotyledon roseata  Baker (1869)
Echeveria chiapensis  Rose ex von Poellnitz (1936)
Echeveria omiltemiana  Matuda (1963)

Series Spicatae

Type: Mexico, Anonymous, s.n.

Etymology: for the rose-coloured sepals.
**Distribution**: Mexico (Hidalgo, Puebla, San Luis Potosí, Veracruz, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Chiapas); usually epiphytic in cloud forests.

**First Description by Lindley** in *Edwards’s Botanical Register* **28**: t. 22. 1842:

Caulescens, foliis ovalibus erectis acutis nunc terminalibus rosulatis nunc imbricatis, spica cylindracea densissima, bracteis inferioribus coloratis lanceolatis basi angustatis triquetris corollis longioribus, sepalis linearibus acuminatis corollae campanulatae aequalibus.

*Caulis carnosus, teres, pedalis, ramosus, lutescens.*

**Folia carnea, ovalia, basi angustata triquetra; in apicibus ramorum sterilibus aggregatis viridibus roseo-marginatis, aut secus ramos floridos imbricatis roseis.**

**Sepala linearia, acuta, rosea, corollae campanulatae 5-partitae aequalia, bracteis linearibus ipsis aequalibus suffulta.**

**Stamina 10, corollae basi inserta.**

**Carpella 5, acuminata, squamis nullis hypogynis.**

2 Whether *E. rosea* actually does occur in El Salvador, could not be verified because the specimens in question are not accessible online.
Echeveria sessiliflora see Echeveria pinetorum

Flora Mesoamericana:

Holotipo: México, Chiapas, Goldman 978 (imagen en Internet ex US!).

Echeveria corallina Alexander.¹

Hierbas terrestres, 2-3 cm, glabras; tallos simples o el cáudice poco ramificado. Hojas 60-80 × 15-20 mm, en una roseta terminal, oblanceolado-espatuladas, coriáceas, azul glauco, los márgenes púrpuras, rojas distalmente, el ápice acuminado a apiculado. Inflorescencias erectas, espiciformes, con 10-20 flores, sésiles o subsésiles; pedúnculos verdes, color salmón distalmente; brácteas disminuyendo en tamaño distalmente, obovadas a oblanceoladas, verdes. Flores con sépalos 4-7 mm, desiguales, ovados o lanceolado-ovados, gris-verdes, el ápice agudo; corola 10-14 mm, oblonga, roja o anaranjada, los pétalos y puntas recurvados; estambres 8-10 mm. Folículos c. 5 mm. Laderas rocosas en bosques de Quercus.

Ch (Breedlove 10244, MO); G (Steyermark 5120, F). 1700-2200 m. (Endémica.)

¹ Echeveria corallina is a distinct species and not a synonym of E. sessiliflora which for its part is a synonym of E. pinetorum.


**Echeveria steyermarkii**

*Flora Mesoamericana:


Holotipo: Guatemala, *Steyermark 43145* (F!).

Ilustr.: no se encontró.

Hierbas epífitas o litófitas, glabras, acaules. Hojas 25-65 x 10-20 mm, agregadas en una roseta, oblongo-espatuladas o obovado-espatuladas, coriáceas ¹, aplanadas, el haz ¹ verde, el envés ¹ verde pálido y frecuentemente ¹ matizado de púrpura, el ápice redondeado a obtuso, la punta apiculada. Inflorescencias 3-5, en racimos simples o 2-3-ramificados ¹, con 3-10 flores ¹; pedúnculos 5-20 cm, delgados; brácteas 1-2 cm ¹, lineares, verdes ¹, frecuentemente matizadas ¹ de roja o púrpura, el ápice obtuso; pedicelos 5-15 mm. Flores con sépalos 1.4-5 mm ¹, desiguales, patentes en la antesis, ovados u ovado-oblongos, verdes, el ápice agudo; corola 8-11 mm, los pétalos angostamente lanceolados, rojos o amarillo-rojizos con los márgenes amarillos ¹, carinados dorsalmente, el ápice patente. Folículos 7-8 mm. *Laderas rocosas.*

Ch *(Breedlove10941, F)* ²; G *(Steyermark 40762, F)*. 1800-4000 m. (Endémica.)

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¹ All this is not mentioned either in the Latin First Description of 1944 or in the English version of 1946 and as the species has never been recollected, an amended description is not possible at all.

Walther’s re-description (*Echeveria* 163-164, 1972) is useless because made from «all available specimens» - whatever this means, moreover it is totally obsolete in view of the detailed First Description.

² Breedlove 10941 from Chiapas is named *Echeveria cf steyermarkii*. It does not correspond to the type of *E. steyermarkii* from Guatemala, the pedicels are far too short and the inflorescence has too many flowers - Standley wrote: «The species is noteworthy for its small, few-flowered inflorescence and very long pedicels» - therefore there is no proof at all that *E. steyermarkii* is also occurring in Chiapas.

**Correct text:**

**Echeveria steyermarkii** Standley, 1944

**Series Gibbiflorae**

**Type:** Steyermark 43145, Guatemala, Dept. Zacapa: On rocks, between Santa Rosalía and San Lorenzo, alt. 1200 - 1600 m, January 24, 1942.
**Etymology**: Named for the collector Julian A. Steyermark.

**Distribution**: Guatemala (Solola, San Marcos, Huehuetenango, Zacapa); epiphytic or on rocks, 1300 – 3700 m.

**First Description in Latin by Standley** in *Field Museum of Natural History, Botany*, 23(4): 160. 1944. The description below is the English version published in *Fieldiana: Botany*, 24: 410. 1946:

Plants glabrous, acaulescent, solitary or cespitose.

The **roots** fibrous.

**Leaves** usually very numerous and forming a dense rosette, spreading or ascending, green, sometimes tinged with pink or purple, narrowly or very broadly oblong-spatulate, 2.5 - 6.5 cm long, 1 - 2 cm wide, rounded or very obtuse at the apex and obtusely short-apiculate, carnose but not very thick, broadly cuneate at the base.

**Scapes** solitary or few, 5 - 20 cm high, the flowers few, short-racemose or subcorymbose; **leaves of the scapes** few and inserted near the base or more numerous and continued to the inflorescence, linear or oblong, the largest 2 cm long, obtuse, ascending.

**Flowers** 3 - 10, long-pedicellate, the **pedicels** slender, mostly 8 - 15 mm long, the **bracts** oblong or almost linear, much shorter than the pedicels; **sepals** unequal, green, fleshy, 5 - 8 mm long, oblong or ovate-oblong, obtuse, appressed or somewhat spreading, **petals** rose-red or vermilion, 8 - 11 mm long, lanceolate or narrowly lanceolate, erect but excurved at the apex, attenuate-acuminate, **anthers** ca 1.5 mm shorter than the petals, oblong-ovate, **follicles** 7 - 8 mm long, suberect, long-rostrate, brownish-red.

The plants placed here show a great deal of variation in leaf form but it is believed that all represent a single species. Further collections may possibly show that two or more species are represented but it is believed that all the apparent variations may be explained by moisture and exposure conditions. The corolla is variously described as vermilion throughout, rose-red or with petals reddish yellow edged with vermilion. The leaves may be either grass-green throughout or sometimes paler beneath, and often tinged with red or purple. **The species is noteworthy for its small, few-flowered inflorescence and very long pedicels.**
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