

NEPENTHES IZUMIAE (NEPENTHACEAE): A NEW SPECIES FROM SUMATRA

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SUMMARY

Nepenthes izumiae Troy Davis, C. Clarke & Tamin (Nepenthaceae), a new species from the Bukit Barisan, West Sumatra, Indonesia, is described.

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Recent explorations of the Barisan Range in Sumatra Barat have revealed the existence of at least two new taxa of *Nepenthes* (Clarke, 2001). One of these is described here as *Nepenthes izumiae* Troy Davis, C. Clarke & Tamin. This taxon was briefly discussed and illustrated as ‘*Nepenthes* species B’ by Clarke (2001).

Nepenthes izumiae is characterised by its slender, cylindrical lower pitchers (≤ 35 cm in height), the outer surfaces of which are almost always heavily suffused with a dark purple pigment that makes them appear black in colour. The upper pitchers are also cylindrical, the outer surfaces being brownish purple. Both pitcher types possess a large, hook-shaped appendage on the lower surface of the pitcher lid.

Nepenthes izumiae appears to be closely related to *N. singalana* Becc., another montane species which is common in West Sumatra and Jambi. However, it differs from this species in a number of characteristics. The most obvious of these is the hook-shaped appendage on the lower surface of the pitcher lid in *N. izumiae*, which is absent in *N. singalana*. However, it is found (in a less developed form) in pitchers of *N. ovata* Nerz & Wistuba and (occasionally) in pitchers of *N. bongso* Korth., both of which also occur in montane habitats in Sumatra. The latter species produces infundibular aerial pitchers (Jebb & Cheek, 1997), whereas those of *N. izumiae* are cylindrical throughout. *Nepenthes izumiae* also differs from *N. singalana* in that a number of simple, short, red-brown hairs are retained along the margins of the leaf blade, while the blades themselves are larger and broader. Table 1 outlines the principal differences between *N. izumiae*, *N. singalana*, *N. bongso* and *N. ovata*. Undoubtedly, *N. singalana* and *N. izumiae* are closely related, but the differences between them are both marked and stable. Accordingly, we feel that *N. izumiae* warrants distinction from *N. singalana* at specific rank.

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Table 1. Distinguishing characteristics among *N. izumiae*, *N. singalana*, *N. bongso* and *N. ovata*.

taxon \ characteristic	<i>N. izumiae</i>	<i>N. singalana</i>	<i>N. bongso</i>	<i>N. ovata</i>
appendage under lid	present, very large and hook-shaped in mature plants	absent	usually absent, but if present, then not large and hook shaped	usually present, often hook-shaped, but never as well-developed as in <i>N. izumiae</i>
upper pitcher shape	cylindrical throughout	cylindrical throughout	infundibular throughout	infundibular throughout
lower pitcher shape	infundibular at the base, narrowly ovoid in the next third, then cylindrical above	cylindrical throughout	cylindrical to ovoid throughout	ovoid to infundibular throughout
tendrils insertion	apical or sub-peltate	apical	sub-peltate	apical
leaf shape	broad, spatulate	narrow, linear-lanceolate	broad, spatulate	broad, spatulate
simple, red, short hairs on margins of blade	mainly caducous, but some persistent	always absent	always absent	always absent
purple/black pitcher pigment	always present	nearly always absent	always absent	always absent
growth habit	epiphytic	generally terrestrial	generally epiphytic	epiphytic or terrestrial

As this taxon is large in stature, the holotype (*Clarke, Davis & Tamin 1309*, ANDA) consists of four sheets. Sheet 1 comprises an immature rosette bearing lower pitchers, Sheet 2 comprises a fragment of a climbing stem bearing an upper pitcher, while Sheets 3 and 4 each contain a single large lower pitcher. The material on each sheet was collected from different plants, but all belonged to the same population, were found within 30 metres of each other and are representative of *N. izumiae*. The only other *Nepenthes* species present at the collection site (*N. jacquelineae* C. Clarke, Troy Davis & Tamin) cannot be confused with the present species.

Nepenthes izumiae Troy Davis, C. Clarke & Tamin, *spec. nov.*

Nepenthes singalanae similis, sed appendice grandi unciformi in superficie, inferiore operculi ascidii, indumento persistenti in marginibus lamina atque foliis maioribus latioribus differt. — Holotypus: *Clarke, Davis & Tamin 1309* (ANDA), Indonesia, Sumatera Barat, Bukit Barisan, north of Bukittinggi, 13 July 2000.

Climber to 5 m. Stem cylindrical to angular, ≤ 0.8 cm in diameter, internodes ≤ 12 cm long on climbing stems, ≤ 1.0 cm on rosettes. Leaf blades of the rosettes and short shoots coriaceous, broadly lanceolate to spatulate, ≤ 25 cm long, ≤ 8 cm wide, ses-

sile. Longitudinal veins 3 on each side of the midrib, pennate veins arising obliquely from the midrib, but difficult to distinguish. Leaf blade narrowed towards the base, but widening again at the point where it is attached to the stem, clasping the stem for 1/2 of its circumference. Tendrils ≤ 30 cm long, straight, very robust on rosettes produced by mature plants. Leaves of the climbing stems coriaceous, ≤ 20 cm long, ≤ 3 cm wide, ovate, apex rounded. Leaf blade narrows slightly towards the base, not becoming wider again at the point of attachment to the stem. Base clasps the stem for approximately 1/2 of its circumference. Tendrils ≤ 25 cm long, less robust than those of rosettes, usually with a loop in the middle. On large lower pitchers, the insertion of the tendril is usually be sub-apical by 1–2 mm, in which case the apex of the leaf blade is elongated and obtuse. Pitchers of the rosettes arising gradually from the end of the tendril, ≤ 30 cm high, ≤ 6 cm wide. Lower 1/4 infundibular, next 1/4 narrowly ovoid, upper 1/2 cylindrical and contacted above the ovoid part but lacking a distinct hip. Cylindrical upper portion widens slightly just below the mouth. Two wings (≤ 6 mm wide), bearing multi-cellular fringe elements (≤ 9 mm long) run from the top to the bottom of the pitcher at the front. Glandular region on the inner surface extends from the bottom of the pitcher to the top of the ovoid portion, digestive glands barely hooded, not significantly raised above the glandular surface of the pitcher wall, ≤ 150 cm². Mouth of pitchers round, ≤ 6 cm in diameter, steeply oblique, almost vertical at the rear. Peristome ≤ 3 cm wide, widest just below the lid, narrowest at the front. Inner margin bearing pronounced, narrow teeth, ≤ 1 cm long. Ribs ≤ 4 mm apart, raised to 3 mm. Lid orbicular, very strongly cordate at the base, ≤ 8 cm in diameter, with a pronounced, hook-shaped appendage (≤ 1 cm long) on the lower surface, towards the base. Large nectar glands, ≤ 1 mm across occur on the spur and midline of the lower surface of the lid. The rest of the underside of the lid is virtually devoid of nectar glands. Spur simple, ≤ 1 cm long. Upper pitchers rarely produced, arising gradually from the tendril, widening very little throughout the curl, infundibular in the lower 1/3, contracted to a distinct hip, then cylindrical above; not widening towards the mouth; ≤ 15 cm high, ≤ 4 cm wide. Mouth round, oblique, elongated into a short neck at the apex. Peristome narrow and generally cylindrical (sometimes expanded slightly at the sides) ≤ 8 mm wide, ribs distinct, raised 0.5 mm, teeth distinct, ≤ 1.5 mm long. Glandular region on inner surface covers the lower portion below the hip. Wings reduced to ribs, multicellular fringe hairs absent. Lid sub-orbicular, ≤ 4 cm wide, same size as the pitcher mouth, cordate at the base, structure of glandular crest and distribution nectar glands the same as in the lower pitchers. Spur short and simple, ≤ 0.5 cm long. Female inflorescence a raceme, peduncle ≤ 10 cm, rachis ≤ 8 cm. Pedicels ≤ 1 cm long, bracts and bracteoles absent, sepals ovate, ≤ 6 mm long. Mature capsules ≤ 1.5 cm long. Male inflorescence unknown. Indumentum on immature tendrils comprised of soft, white and red-brown hairs, most which are caducous. Rosette leaves glabrous above and below, margins lined with simple, short, white hairs, about 50% of which are persistent. Leaves of climbing stem very sparsely covered with simple, short, white hairs on the upper surface; lower surface glabrous. Margins densely covered with short, simple, brown hairs when young; many of these are caducous, but some are retained towards the apex. Leaf axils covered with short, stellate, light brown hairs. Outer surfaces of lower pitchers and upper surface of lid densely covered with red-brown stellate hairs; spur sparsely covered with downy, red, simple hairs. Mature tendrils sparsely covered with very short, simple,

white hairs. Outer surface of upper pitchers and upper surface of lid densely covered with very short, white, stellate hairs. Peduncle, rachis, pedicels and capsules of female inflorescence densely covered with short, brown, stellate hairs.

Distribution — Sumatra (Sumatra Barat, Bukit Barisan).

Habitat — At the type locality, growing strictly as an epiphyte in upper montane forest above 1700 m above sea level.

Etymology — Named in honour of Izumi Davis, wife of T. Davis.

Specimens examined include:

Nepenthes izumiae — Clarke, Davis & Tamin 1309 (holo ANDA).

Nepenthes singalana — Beccari 187 (isolecto K); Bünnemeijer 2692, 2693, 4028, 9997 (BO); Des & Tamin 529 (ANDA); Frey-Wyssling 107 (BO); Meijer 3590, 5841 (BO).

Nepenthes ovata — Frey-Wyssling 13, 43 (BO); Nerz 1601 (holo L); Opperhout 21/11/1929 (BO).

Nepenthes bongso — Bünnemeijer 4230, 5521 (BO); Des & Tamin 523 (ANDA); Hotta & Tamin 40 (ANDA); Korthals s.n. (L); Meijer 6142 (BO); Nerz 2401 (L); Tamin 2326 (ANDA).

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