



## A new *Campylocentrum* (Vandaeae; Epidendroideae; Orchidaceae) from submontane Atlantic Forest of northeastern Brazil

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### Abstract

A new species of *Campylocentrum* with reduced stems, small conduplicate leaves and long inflorescences is described from submontane Atlantic forest of Pernambuco state, northeastern Brazil. It is related to *C. hirtellum*, but differs by having a pedicellate ovary and base of the perianth both slightly papillate, smaller sepals, mid-lobe of the lip less than three times longer than the lateral lobes, lip 5-nerved, spur slightly longer than the pedicellate ovary and a glabrous capsule. It is illustrated and its affinities with allied species are also discussed.

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### Introduction

*Campylocentrum* Benth (1881: 337) comprises about 70 species (Govaerts 2014). According to Todzia (1980), the Atlantic Forest of Brazil is the endemism centre of the genus with ca. 30 species (Barros *et al.* 2014, Siqueira *et al.* in press, Pessoa *et al.* in press).

Cogniaux (1906) proposed three sections within the genus: *C. sect. Campylocentrum* [originally *C. sect. Eucampylocentrum*, Cogniaux (1906: 504)], species with stems and leaves developed, *C. sect. Dendrophylopsis* Cogniaux (1906: 504), leafless species, and *C. sect. Pseudocampylocentrum* Cogniaux (1906: 504), species with developed stems and reduced leaves.

*Campylocentrum hirtellum* Cogniaux (1906: 521), *C. hondurense* Ames (1923: 37) and *C. steyermarkii* Foldats (1968: 316) have reduced stems ( $\leq 10.0$  mm long) and small conduplicate leaves. These plants occasionally lose their leaves in the drying procedure, and they look like leafless plants. This could possibly explain the mistaken placement of *C. hirtellum* by Cogniaux (1906) under *C. sect. Dendrophylopsis*. Subsequently, the species, which actually belongs to *C. sect. Campylocentrum*, was better illustrated by Hoehne (1941). Among the species of the Atlantic Forest only *C. hirtellum* shows the characters mentioned above. It is known from Rio de Janeiro (Brazilian Southeast) and Santa Catarina states (Brazilian South, Barros *et al.* 2014).

During the studies for a taxonomical review of *Campylocentrum*, a new species with reduced stems and long inflorescences was found in submontane forest in Pernambuco state, Brazilian Northeast. It is described and illustrated below, and its affinities with the allied species are also discussed.

### *Campylocentrum serranum* E. Pessoa & M. Alves, *sp. nov.* (Fig. 1, 2)

Type:—BRAZIL. Pernambuco: Jaqueira, Reserva Particular do Patrimônio Natural Frei Caneca, Mata do Quengo, 8°43'12"S, 35°50'38"W, 700 m, 30 May 2012, E. Pessoa *et al.* 945 (fl.) (holotype UFP, isotypes K, NY, RB).

*C. serranum* is morphologically related to *C. hirtellum*, but differs by having a pedicellate ovary and base of the perianth both slightly papillate, smaller sepals, mid-lobe of the lip less than three times longer than the lateral lobes, lip 5-nerved, spur slightly longer than the pedicellate ovary and a glabrous capsule.



**FIGURE 2.** *Campylocentrum serranum*. A. Inflorescence. B. Habit. C. Lateral detail of inflorescence. D. Frontal detail of inflorescence. [A–D Pessoa *et al.* 945 (Holotype)]

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