

# FLORA OF THE EL TRIUNFO BIOSPHERE RESERVE, CHIAPAS, MEXICO: A PRELIMINARY FLORISTIC INVENTORY AND THE PLANT COMMUNITIES OF POLYGON I

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## RESUMEN

Se presenta una lista florística preliminar, así como las comunidades de vegetación, del Polígono I de la Reserva de la Biosfera El Triunfo, en la región del Soconusco de la Sierra Madre de Chiapas. La lista incluye 138 familias, 407 géneros y 751 especies de plantas vasculares, incluyendo pteridófitas. Se describen siete comunidades vegetales (*Gaultheria-Ugni-Vaccinium*, *Quercus-Matudaea-Hedyosmum-Dendropanax*, *Liquidambar-Quercus-Pinus*, *Cupressus-Pinus*, *Ficus-Coccoloba-Dipholis-Sapium*, *Garcinia-Inga-Desmopsis* y *Quercus salicifolia*), proporcionando información acerca de la fisonomía general y las especies características de las diferentes formas de vida para cada comunidad. Las comunidades vegetales están enmarcadas en sistemas de clasificación conocidos, especialmente en el bosque mesófilo de montaña sensu Rzedowski (1978). Se hacen comparaciones con otros trabajos sobre la Sierra Madre de Chiapas.

Palabras clave: Chiapas, México, comunidades vegetales, flora.

## ABSTRACT

A preliminary floristic inventory and the vegetation communities are given for Polygon I of the El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve, Chiapas, Mexico, which is located in the Soconusco region of the Sierra Madre de Chiapas. The floristic list comprises 138 families, 407 genera and 751 species of vascular plants including pteridophytes. A total of seven natural plant communities are described (*Gaultheria-Ugni-Vaccinium*, *Quercus-Matudaea-Hedyosmum-Dendropanax*, *Liquidambar-Quercus-Pinus*, *Cupressus-Pinus*, *Ficus-Coccoloba-Dipholis-Sapium*, *Garcinia-Inga-Desmopsis* and *Quercus salicifolia*) and for each community information is given on general physiognomy and characteristic species for the various life forms. The plant communities are related to several well known vegetation classifications systems with special reference to bosque mesófilo de montaña (mesophilous montane forest) *sensu* Rzedowski (1978) and comparisons are made with past botanical work conducted in the Sierra Madre de Chiapas.

Key words: Chiapas, Mexico, plant communities, flora.

## INTRODUCTION

There are over 8 248 species recorded for Chiapas (Breedlove, 1981), making it one of the floristically richest states in Mexico. In comparison with some of the other

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Mexican states it is botanically well collected, with a high number of plant specimens stored in national and foreign herbaria. However, some large areas within its boundaries still lack coverage and it is proposed that the total flora will be between 9 000 and 10 000 species (Breedlove, 1981).

General works dealing with the flora of the entire state are presented in Miranda (1952) and Breedlove (1981, 1986), and smaller regions of Chiapas are examined in more detail in Matuda (1950b) and Miranda (1957). Surprisingly though, there are few publications that address the plant communities of discrete areas; notable exceptions being the studies of Matuda (1950a), Zuill and Lathrop (1975), Carlson (1954), and Pérez and Sarukhán (1970).

This paper presents an area specific study with a preliminary floristic inventory and descriptions of plant communities for a mountainous area of mainly intact vegetation in the "El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve". The plant communities found are also treated with respect to various vegetation classification systems that are available for the region, with special attention given to bosque mesófilo de montaña (mesophilous montane forest) *sensu* Rzedowski (1978), which it is hoped will be especially useful to the growing number of researchers interested in this vegetation type.

## STUDY AREA

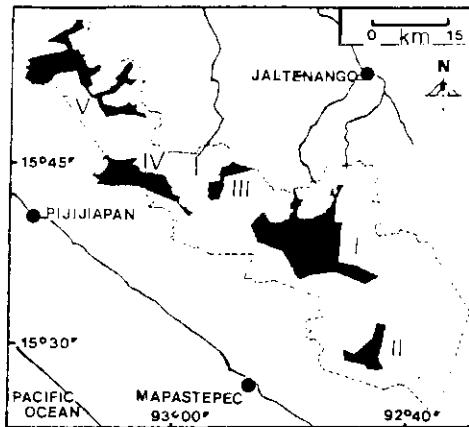
The El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve, created by presidential decree in March 1990 (Figure 1), is located in the mountains of the Sierra Madre de Chiapas, just within the northern limits of the Soconusco region. It encompasses a total area of 119 000 hectares and is managed by the *Instituto de Historia Natural* (IHN), in liaison with the *Secretaría de Desarrollo Urbano y Ecología* (SEDUE). Five core areas or 'polygons' totalling 30 000 hectares have been identified for key protection, with the intention that the forests remain intact and free from human disturbance. The remainder of the reserve is a buffer zone (*zona de amortiguamiento*) which encompasses farms (*ranchos*) and coffee plantations (*fincas*), private small holdings and cooperative *ejidos*. In this zone, it is hoped that with the support of the local people the remaining forests can be conserved and used sustainably.

Polygon I, the most accessible and largest of the five polygons, with an extension of 10 000 hectares, was selected as the study area. Nevertheless, the nearest roads end at Santa Rita and Finca Prusia to the north, and entrance to the area is on foot or mule. The reserve headquarters, consisting of two houses in a clearing, are located in this polygon at 15° 37' N, 92° 48' W (Fig. 1).

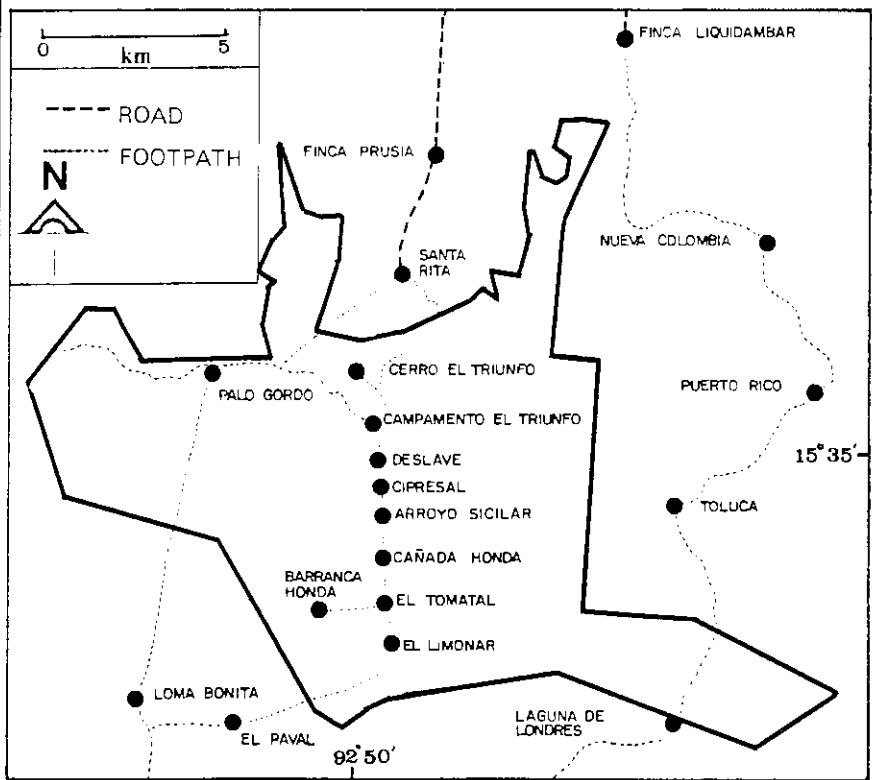
## GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

The geology of the Sierra Madre de Chiapas mountain range is complex, consisting of a main igneous formation fractured by metamorphic intrusions. According to geological maps for southern Chiapas (published by the Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática, INEGI) and Mülleried (1957), the main rock

A. The location of the El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve in Chiapas.



B. The five polygons and buffer zone of the El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve.



C. The footpaths and landmarks of Polygon I.

Fig. 1. The El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve.

formations in Polygon I are of Precambrian and Palaeozoic origin.

Polygon I encompasses land within an altitudinal range of 1 000-2 450 m above mean sea level and can be sub-divided into four broad topographical zones: mountain peaks, plateau, Gulf (landward) slope and Pacific slope (Fig. 2). Both escarpments of the mountain range are sloped steeply with gradients in excess of 40 degrees and they are deeply incised with large river valleys and numerous smaller streams. At an altitude of approximately 1 900 m on both escarpments, the land becomes less inclined and forms a plateau between the two slopes, from which rise a number of mountain peaks, the highest being Cerro El Triunfo at 2 450 m.

## CLIMATE

The climate of Polygon I, following a modification of Koeppen's system by García (1973), falls into two categories. The lower Pacific slope is classified as

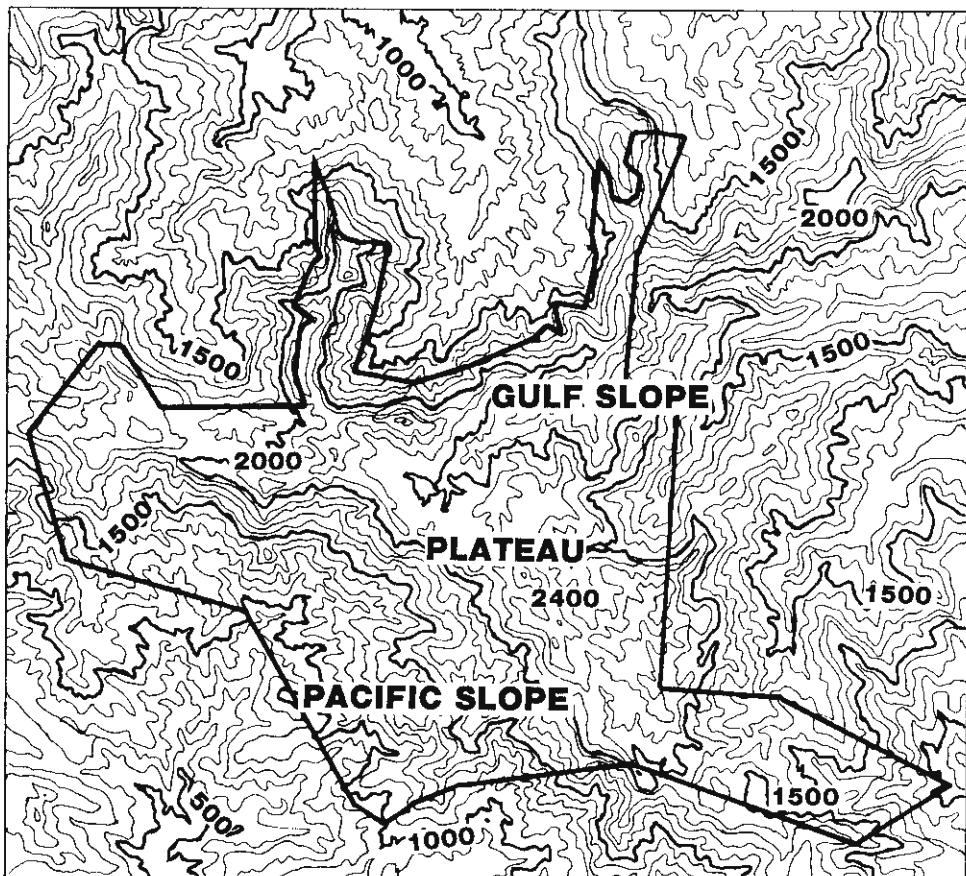


Fig. 2. The topography of Polygon I and adjacent area.

A(C)(m)(w), semi-hot humid with abundant rainfall in summer; the upper Pacific slope, plateau and landward slopes, correspond to a C(m)(w) climate, humid-temperate also with abundant rainfall in summer.

There is no meteorological station in Polygon I, although there are plans for the construction of one at the reserve headquarters. Therefore climatic information published for the area has been extrapolated from data from the few stations located nearby (none of which are above 1 300 m). Such data are shown on climatic maps, published by INEGI, which give mean annual temperatures of between 18–22°C, and the mean rainfall as 2 500–3 500 mm. The nearest meteorological station is Finca Prusia, situated at 1 100 m and records over a ten year period and annual average temperature of 21°C and an average annual precipitation of 2 365 mm. Most of this precipitation falls between May and October, but rain still occurs during the winter months.

On the upper slopes and plateau rainfall is supplemented with horizontal precipitation, formed by the deposition of water droplets as the clouds pass through the vegetation. During the winter months, when rainfall is low, horizontal precipitation makes a significant contribution in maintaining the wet and humid environment of the forest. Much of this cloud is brought by the north-easterly trade winds which are the dominant weather system through much of Mexico and Central America. From November until February they can be particularly strong, blowing at high velocities and producing powerful gusts. Indeed, as Lawton and Dryer (1980) have shown in Costa Rica these winds have the potential to influence the structure and floristic composition of montane vegetation.

During the summer, the northerlies are weaker and the winds from the southwest exert a greater influence on the climate of the Pacific escarpment. On occasions, cloud is trapped on the Pacific slope, the opposing northerlies still sufficiently strong to prevent its continuation onto the plateau and landward face. This phenomenon can be observed on the upper reaches of the Pacific slope above Deslave (see figure 1 for location). Here the Pacific slope forest is frequently bathed in cloud, reducing visibility to just a few metres, but on climbing a short distance onto the main plateau the cloud clears completely.

## METHODS

**Floristic inventory.** Plants were collected between April 1989 and June 1990, in all months of the year except July, August and January. Collecting was restricted largely to existing paths (Fig. 1) and although collections were made at all altitudes, extensive portions of Polygon I were not visited as travel and orientation away from the paths were extremely difficult. For each plant specimen, data on the locality, life form and height of the plant were recorded.

The plants were identified in the National Herbarium (**MEXU**), where an excellent collection of Chiapan flora is housed. Help was obtained for difficult families or genera from various specialists (see acknowledgements). The main collections from this project are kept in **MEXU** and **CHIP**, with smaller sets in **BM** and **CAL**. The floristic list and communities are derived mainly from the above sources and supplemented

TABLE 1  
QUANTITATIVE BREAKDOWN BY FAMILY, GENERA AND SPECIES OF THE PLANT GROUPS  
RECORDED FROM POLYGON I OF THE EL TRIUNFO BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Plant Group	Families	Genera	Species
Pteridophyta	17	32	62
Gymnospermae	4	4	4
Dicotyledoneae	103	302	532
Monocotyledoneae	14	69	153
TOTAL	138	407	751

with information from collections made with members of the Flora Mesoamericana Project in Polygon I in November 1989 and February 1990; from the collecting trip made by E. Hernández and A. J. Sharp in November 1945; and from F. Miranda, who visited El Triunfo in February 1951.

**Plant communities.** To supplement the information obtained from the plant collections, and to help distinguish between different plant communities, data on the physiognomic characteristics of the vegetation were taken from many localities within the polygon. Tree species present were identified and their heights estimated and separated into broad height classes. Information was also taken on the compo-

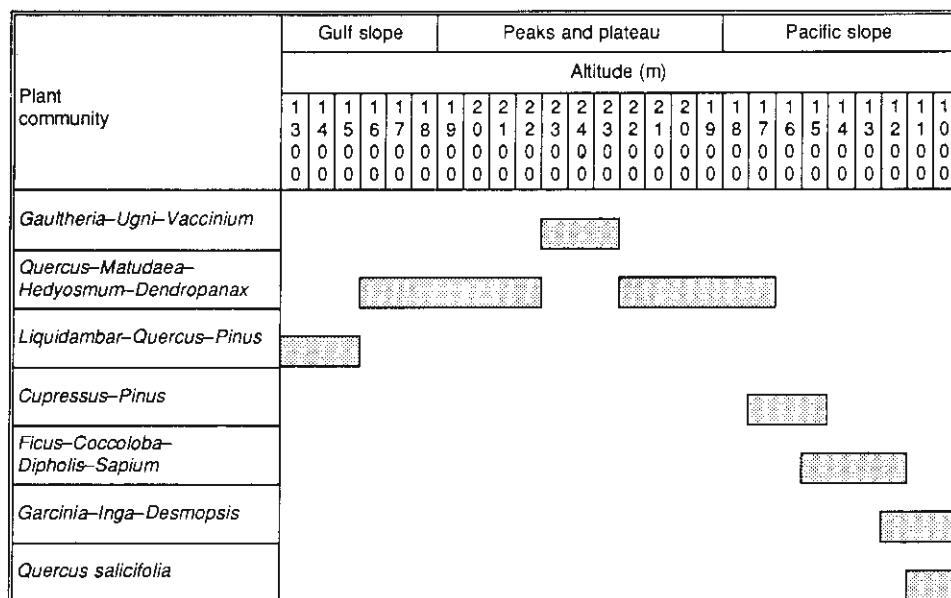


Fig. 3. The general location and altitudinal ranges of the natural plant communities found within Polygon I of the El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve.

sition of the shrub and herb layers, vines and epiphytes, and the presence of tree ferns, palms and aroids was noted.

## RESULTS

**Floristic inventory.** A total of 1 250 plant collections were made during the study period, and from these and additional collections a total of 751 species are recognised for Polygon I. The information is summarized in Table 1, and a full species list with the communities in which they occur is given in Appendix 1.

Seven climax and one secondary plant communities were identified, and their broad altitudinal ranges with respect to the topographical zones in Polygon I are shown in Figure 3. The species composition and physiognomic characteristics of these communities are described below.

(1) *Gaultheria-Ugni-Vaccinium* community. On the mountain peaks such as Cerro El Triunfo, which are exposed to the full force of the trade winds and immersed in dense, humid cloud, exists a low-lying microphyllous vegetation composed entirely of shrubs and herbs. The shrub layer is up to 2 m tall and very dense. It is dominated by three species, *Gaultheria acuminata*, *Vaccinium matudae* and *Ugni myricoides*.

A creeping shrub, *Sphyrospermum majus* on the mentioned species is common and below the bushes are mats of spongy moss and *Lycopodium*. In open parts, a bamboo (*Chusquea* sp.) grows abundantly, and at the limits of this plant community small trees such as *Viburnum acutifolium* ssp. *blandum*, *Weinmannia pinnata*, *Persea* sp., *Miconia glaberrima*, *Rhamnus capraeifolia* var. *grandifolia*, *Ternstroemia lineata* ssp. *chalicophila* and *Fuchsia microphylla* ssp. *apraca*, intergrade with the shrubs.

(2) *Quercus-Matudaea-Hedyosmum-Dendropanax* community. On the gently undulating ground of the plateau area, the sides of the mountain peaks, the upper part of the Gulf slope and the valleys of the Pacific slope above 1 650 m, the forest is tall, dense and dark. This effect is accentuated when low mists and clouds envelop the land, which is often the case between May and October and in the early mornings and afternoons throughout the year.

In spite of the forest having an overall continuous canopy cover, gaps are frequently created by tree falls and dead but erect trees without foliage and falling (rotten) tree limbs, cause smaller gaps. The former occurs more often during early winter when the winds are strongest and rainfall heavy, and other limb falls are more frequent in May and June when the first rains arrive. Large quantities of water can become trapped in the leaves of epiphytic bromeliads, and through the increase in weight branches densely laden with them can snap and fall.

The forest is evergreen, broadleaved, with luxuriant growth at all levels and a very high density of epiphytes. However, from December onwards some trees lose their leaves for short periods. This is most obvious in February and March, when the red and brown foliage of individual trees of the canopy layer forms visible patches in the overall green tones of the forest. In some sheltered parts, such as the south side of Cerro El Triunfo, the trees can grow to 40 m. However, they are more commonly

lower at about 25 to 30 m tall, with many other individuals of various heights between 6 m and the canopy emergents. In more exposed situations, especially towards the landward escarpment, the canopy layer can be as low as 10-12 m, although the species found are the same. Presumably, the strong winds that such sites receive, place great mechanical stress on the vegetation and consequently tree growth is stunted, with buttress roots and thicker trunks giving greater support.

The species diversity of the larger trees is perhaps lower here than in the forests on the lower slopes. The more common tall trees include several species of *Quercus* (*Q. oocarpa*, *Q. sapotifolia* and *Quercus* sp. (*crispinifolia*?)), *Matudaea trinervia*, *Dendropanax populifolius*, *Perrottetia longistylis*, *Ocotea chiapensis*, *Morus* sp., *Trophis cuspidata*, *Symplocos hartwegii* and *Symplococarpon flavifolium*. Probably the most abundant medium-sized tree species throughout this community is *Hedyosmum mexicanum*. The melastome *Conostegia volcanalis* is also abundant, but notably absent from land above 2100 m. Conversely, *Weinmannia pinata*, *Eugenia chiapensis* and *Drimys granadensis* var. *mexicana*, were not collected below this altitude. Other tree species present include *Podocarpus matudae*, *Ilex belizensis*, *Spathacanthus parviflorus*, *Amphitecna montana*, *Brunellia mexicana*, *Bernardia interrupta*, *Persea liebmennii*, *Phoebe siltepecana*, *Guarea glabra*, *Ardisia neomirandae*, *Myrsine juergensenii*, *Gentlea tacanensis*, *Parathesis nigropunctata*, *Synardisia venosa*, *Eugenia citrodes*, *Picramnia matudae*, *Meliosma* sp., *Styrax glabrescens* var. *glabrescens*, *Ternstroemia lineata* ssp. *chalicophila*, *Daphnopsis selerorum*, *Helicocarpus donnell-smithii*, *Lozanella enantiophylla*, *Boehmeria ulmifolia* and *Citharexylum mocinnii*.

The shrub and small tree species are well represented by the Compositae, Piperaceae, Rubiaceae and Solanaceae. Composites include *Ageratina conspicua*, *Archibaccharis androgyna*, *Bartlettina pinabetensis*, *Eupatorium* (*Bartlettina*) *tenejapanum*, *Podachaenium pachyphyllum*, *Schistocarpha longiligula* var. *longiligula* and var. *seleri*, *Senecio greenmanii* and *S. uspantanensis*. From the other families mentioned are: *Piper* aff. *hispidum*, *P. pseudoasperifolium*, *P. aff. yzabalanum*, *Hoffmannia lineolata*, *H. macrosiphon*, *H. quadrifolia*, *Omittemia filisepala*, *Psychotria skutchii*, *Psychotria* spp., *Rondeletia albida*, *R. pyramidalis*, *Cestrum elegantissimum*, *Cestrum* aff. *formosum*, *Lycianthes tricolor*, *Physalis* aff. *angulata*, *Solanum chrysotrichum* and *Witheringia cuneata*.

The understorey is further characterized by the abundance of arborescent ferns such as *Alsophila salvini*, *Cyathea fulva* and *C. valdecrenata* which usually grow to between 2-4 m tall, but some individuals reach up to 8 m. In some areas the palm *Geonoma seleri*, and other species of the genus *Chamaedorea* are common, but they are noticeably scarce in the vegetation near to the reserve headquarters. This is probably the result of cattle grazing between 1970 and 1983; apparently, the herd would roam freely and enter the forest, browsing and trampling the understorey cover (R. Solís, pers. com).

The herb layer is dominated by *Smilacina flexuosa*, *S. paniculata* and many species of ferns, including *Marattia excavata*, *Adiantum concinnum*, *Pityrogramma tartarea* var. *tartarea*, *Pteris quadriaurita*, *Asplenium auriculatum*, *A. monanthes*, *Arachniodes denticulata*, *Botrychium virginianum*, *Ctenitis subincisa*, *Ophioglossum crotalophoroides*, *Blechnum occidentale*, *Thelypteris pilosula*, *Diplazium fran-*

*conis*, and *Eriosorus hirtus* var. *hirtus*. The frequency and diversity of species from the Dicotylodeneae are relatively low but include *Pseuderanthemum praecox*, *Hydrocotyle mexicana*, *Begonia bettinae*, *B. oaxacana*, *Lobelia plebeja*, *Cardamine fulcrata*, *Monotropa uniflora*, *Salvia membranacea*, *Lycianthes connata*, *Solanum trizygum* and *Pilea quercifolia*. In some places scandent species such as *Lycopodium clavatum*, *L. thyoides*, *Galium* sp., *Viola scandens* and *Sibthorpia repens* can form extensive mats. Also present and locally common are *Iachne arundinacea*, and *Conopholis alpina* var. *alpina*, the latter being a parasite on oak roots.

Epiphytes are abundant and diverse throughout all levels of the forest. The emergent trees can support literally thousands of other plants, particularly fern, bromeliad and orchid species, and mosses cover the trees and even hang off the foliage. Fern species include *Antrophyum ensiforme*, *A. lineatum*, *Campyloneurum xalapense*, *Cochlidium rostratum*, *Grammitis* sp., *Pleopeltis macrocarpa* var. *trichophora*, *Polypodium aureum*, *P. lindenianum*, *P. loriceum*, *P. plesiosorum*, *Trichomanes capillaceum*, *T. radicans*, and *Vittaria graminifolia*. Perhaps the most common epiphyte throughout this plant community is *Elaphoglossum peltatum*, occurring in high densities on virtually all trunks and branches.

Epiphytic orchids are plentiful, encompassing many genera with species such as *Arpophyllum giganteum*, *Dichaea graminoides*, *Elleanthus cynarocephalus*, *Encyclia varicosa* spp. *leiobulbon*, *E. vitellina*, *Epidendrum chlorocorymbos*, *E. aff. clowesii*, *E. pseudoramosum*, *E. trachythece*, *Isochilus aurantiacus*, *Lemboglossum rossii*, *Maxillaria cucullata*, *Pleurothallis dolichopus*, *P. hirsuta*, *P. pachyglossa*, *P. tuerckheimii*, *Ponthieva* aff. *maculata*, *Prescottia stachyodes*, *Stelis* aff. *apraca*, *Trichosalpix greenwoodiana* and *Trigonidium egertonianum*.

Other families with epiphytic representatives are Piperaceae, with several species of *Peperomia* (*P. collocata*, *P. galioides*, *P. limana*, *P. obtusifolia* and *P. tetraphylla*), Cactaceae (*Nopalxochia ackermannii* f. *candida*), Compositae (*Neomiranda araliaefolia*), Ericaceae (*Cavendishia bracteata*), Gesneriaceae (*Pentadenia matudae*), Liliaceae (*Smilacina amoena*), Scrophulariaceae (*Gibsoniothamnus cornutus*), Araceae (*Monstera siltepecana* and *Anthurium* spp.) and Araliaceae (*Oreopanax sanderianus*). The most common hemi-parasitic species is *Phoradendron nervosum* of the Loranthaceae.

The presence of vines and creepers tends to indicate recent disturbances from tree falls. Amongst the species found are *Matelea* aff. *velutina*, *Metastelma angustifolia*, *Celastrus vulcanicola*, *Sechium compositum*, *Rytidostylis ciliata*, *Banisteriopsis argentea*, *Passiflora filipes*, *P. ornithoura* var. *chiapensis*, *Cobaea pachysepala*, *Lycianthes chiapensis*, *Solanum appendiculatum*, *S. wendlandii*, *Dioscorea ramosa*, *Smilax jalapensis* and *S. mollis*. Vines and creepers are also frequent in steeper valleys and in open situations along streams, with *Cyclanthera langaei* and *Sicyos* aff. *motozintlensis* forming dense walls of tangled herbage. Several low tree and shrub species, such as *Justicia aurea*, *Solenophora toucana*, *Urera alceifolia* and *Pothomorphe umbellata* were found only along stream sides.

(3) *Liquidambar-Quercus-Pinus* community. On the landward slope of the mountain, from the upper limits of the coffee plantations at 1 400 m (the northern boundary of Polygon 1) to about 1 700 m, a *Liquidambar*-oak-pine community is dominant. The canopy cover is variable but never as dense as in the *Quercus-Matu-*

*daea-Hedyosmum-Dendropanax* community. The larger trees reach to 40 m and species diversity is quite high with *Pinus oocarpa* var. *ochoterenae*, *Tapirira mexicana*, *Dendropanax pallidus*, *Oreopanax echinops*, *O. xalapensis*, *Alchornea latifolia*, *Cleidion oblogifolium*, *Quercus segoviensis*, *Quercus* spp., *Hasseltia guatemalensis*, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, *Pseudolmedia simiarum*, *Trophis mexicana*, *Coccobola* sp., *Peltostigma pteleoides*, *Solanum chiapense*, *Turpinia paniculata*, *Symplocos flavifolia* and *Belotia mexicana*. The intermediate layer between 6-12 m tall is well developed, with species including *Vernonia polyleura*, *Vaccinium leucanthum*, *Nectandra reticulata*, *Phoebe siltepecana*, *Siparuna andina*, *Ardisia siltepecana*, *Parathesis chiapensis*, *Rapanea myricoides*, *Eugenia* aff. *mexicana*, *Prunus tetradenia*, *Psychotria costinervia* and *Rondeletia amoena*.

In sheltered, more humid valleys, a slightly different formation exists, where *Liquidambar styraciflua* is less abundant, pine almost absent and species such as *Ficus cookii*, *Sterculia mexicana* and *Ulmus mexicana* are the notable canopy emergents. These wetter valleys share many floristic and physiognomic characters with forests at a similar altitude on the Pacific slope.

Throughout the community, the coverage of shrubs is variable. In some places the understorey is luxuriant and diverse in species, including *Moussonnia deppeana*, *Cuphea ignea*, *Abutilon purpusii*, *Miconia desmantha*, *Piper pseudo-lindenii*, *Deppea inaequalis*, *Hoffmannia cryptoneura*, *H. quadrifolia*, *Psychotria* sp., *Lycianthes tricolor* and *Heliconia adflexa*. Isolated individuals of *Ceratozamia matudae*, a rare member of the Cycadophyta, also occur and are notably absent from the plant communities of higher altitudes.

In other locations within the *Liquidambar-Quercus-Pinus* community, past fires have affected the forest composition and structure. For the Finca Prusia area Wagner (1930) described how fire, employed to clear secondary vegetation for maize cultivation, frequently spread into pristine forest on the slopes above, causing extensive damage and left the valley filled with smoke for several days afterwards. In such areas today, the upper stratum is mainly dominated by pine and *Liquidambar styraciflua* reaching 20-25 m tall, with there being little variation in the tree heights and the *Liquidambar* having noticeably small trunk diameters. Generally, the understorey is open, with a shrub layer and herbaceous vegetation consisting mainly of grasses, *Begonia fusca* and *B. aff. sartorii*. In less disturbed areas, Araceae species are well represented with *Anthurium andicola*, *A. lucens* and *A. microspadix* all being abundant. Other herb species present are *Adiantum fructuosum*, *Anemia phyllitidis*, *Elaphantopus mollis*, *Spigelia palmeri*, *Carex* spp., *Smilacina paniculata*, *Isachne arundinacea* and *Renealmia mexicana*.

Vines are common in more open situations, and species include *Mandevilla* aff. *rosana*, *Prestonia grandiflora*, *Thenardia galeottiana*, *Gonolobus* aff. *macranthus*, *Canavalia dura*, *Dioscorea floribunda* and *Smilax subpubescens*. Epiphytic growth is lighter than on the plateau region, but the canopy emergents can support large numbers of epiphytic plants including *Catopsis hahnii*, *Tillandsia* spp., *Brassia verrucosa*, *Epidendrum mixtum*, *Juanulloa mexicana* and *Philodendron tripartitum*.

(4) *Cupressus-Pinus* community. Along the upper ridges and crests of the Pacific slope from about 1 600 m to 1 900 m occurs a forest dominated by *Cupressus benthamii* var. *lindleyi* and *Pinus oocarpa* var. *ochoterenae*. The soils are thin

and very stony with little or no surface humus and during the dry season, the ground becomes hard and fissured. The cypresses and pines grow to 25 m, and occasionally to 30 m tall. Generally the canopy is discontinuous and amongst the taller tree species encountered are *Ilex liebmennii*, *Clethra suaveolens*, *Clusia guatemalensis*, *C. salvinii*, *Senecio cobanensis*, *Verbesina apleura*, *Vernonia polyleura*, *Rhacomia standleyi*, *Cojoba donnell-smithii*, *C. matudae*, *Quercus lancifolia*, *Saurauia matudae*, *Miconia mexicana*, *Myrica cerifera*, *Osmanthus americanus*, *Rondeletia apica*, *Ternstroemia oocarpa* and *Triumfetta speciosa*. The shrub layer resembles the vegetation found on the summit of Cerro El Triunfo, with species of Ericaceae such as *Gaultheria acuminata*, *Lyonia squamulosa*, *Vaccinium confertum* and *V. leucanthum* being dominant. Other shrub species include *Lobelia laxiflora*, *Bidens squarrosa* var. *atrostriata*, *Chromolaena collina*, *Critonia morifolia*, *Eupatorium collinum*, *Stevia chiapensis*, *Desmodium cordistipulum*, *Xylosma quichense*, *Rondeletia albida*, *R. strigosa* and *Russelia sarmentosa*.

The herb layer is well developed, species diversity being especially high during the rainy season and *Arenaria guatemalensis*, *Ageratum microcephalum*, *Gnaphalium roseum*, *G. silvicola*, *Zexmenia* sp., *Clitoria mexicana*, *Salvia infuscata*, *Cuphea appendiculata* var. *appendiculata*, *Oxalis dimidiata*, *Lopezia racemosa*, *Polygala aparinoides*, *Carex* sp., *Cyperus hermaphroditus*, *Rhynchospora* sp., *Scleria* sp., *Orthrosanthus chimboracensis*, *Habenaria novemfida*, *Malaxis salazarii*, *Maxillaria cucullata*, *Sobralia macrantha*, *Aegopogon cenchroides* and *Lasiacis procerrima* being notable components. The understorey vegetation is often tangled with vines including several species of *Smilax* (*S. jalapensis*, *S. mollis* and *S. purpusii*); also, *Mandevilla* aff. *rosana*, *Canavalia hirsuta*, *Oxalis rhombifolia*, *Passiflora sexflora*, *Cissus cacamini* and *Bomarea hirtella*.

Epiphytic bromeliads and orchids are abundant, especially on the pines, and include *Encyclia pseudopygmaea*, *Pleurothallis segoviensis*, *Stelis ovatilabia*, *S. rubens*, *S. tenuissima*, and *Tillandsia argentea*, *T. guatemalensis*, *T. punctulata* and *T. tricolor*. There are some epiphytic fern species present, but noticeably fewer than in the forests found at higher altitudes and epiphytic shrubs, trees, or cacti are not well represented.

(5) *Ficus-Coccobola-Dipholis-Sapium* community. The vegetation on the Pacific slope, between 1 200 and 1 600 m is a medium height, broadleaved community rich in species. The canopy level is at about 25 m with emergent trees up to 35 m. The forest is dense, although in many places the canopy can appear open and discontinuous. The terrain is varied allowing heavily shaded, humid valleys and well exposed land to lie only a short distance apart. Tree falls and landslides are common; in the vicinity of Cañada Honda during 1989, there were two major landslips opening up large (2 ha or more) gaps in the forest. In some parts of the forest, there is evidence of older landslides, with rocks and boulders (some as large as 5 m in diameter) littering the ground.

This forest marks the upper limits of the distribution on the Pacific slope of *Ficus cookii*, a notable tree in this community because of its high relative frequency, large basal area, height and extensive spreading canopy. Other tall tree species comprising this community include *Podocarpus matudae*, *Saurauia madrensis*, *Stemmadenia galeottiana*, *Dendropanax pallidus*, *Oreopanax xalapensis*, *Zinowiewia matu-*

*dae, Sloanea ampla, Sapium schippii, Cojoba donnell-smithii, C. esquistlensis, Quercus skinneri, Casearia tacanensis, Billia columbiana, Alfaroa aff. mexicana, Phoebe chiapensis, P. mexicana, P. trinervis, Guarea glabra, Hyperbaena aff. mexicana, Calyptrotheces pallens var. mexicana, Coccobola matudae, Roupala montana, Rhamnus mucronata, R. sharpii, Balmea stormae, Zanthoxylum melanostictum, Meliosma matudae, Cupania aff. macrophylla, Exothea paniculata, Dipholis minutiflora, Sideroxylon capiri, Picrasma sp., Styrox glabrescens var. pilosus, Celtis aff. caudata, Ulmus mexicana and Aegiphila valerii.*

The species diversity of smaller trees (under 15 m) is also high, the most common species being *Saurauia kegeliana, Bunchosia gracilis, Malvaviscus lanceolatus, Mollinedia pallida, Trophis chiapensis, Ardisia siltepecana, Eugenia aff. nigrita, Palicourea padifolia, Rondeletia ovandensis, Meliosma matudae, Picramnia antidesma var. fessoniana, Cleyma theaeoides, Myriocarpa longipes* and *Urera alceifolia*. Other tree species of varying heights found in this community are *Desmopsis lanceolata, Tournefortia glabra, Forchhammeria matudae, Desmanthus perfoliatum, Koanophyllum pittieri, Senecio grandifolius, Nectandra coriacea, Bunchosia lanceolata, B. matudae, Centardisia ovandensis, Parathesis sp., Eugenia capulioides, Genipa aff. americana, Glossostipula concinna, Hintonia lumaeana, Psychotria sp., Sommera arborescens, Solanum chrysotrichum and Symplococarpus aff. flavifolium*.

Tree species with greater affinities to drier, open, or disturbed sites are *Tonduzia longifolia, Ilex quercetorum, Clethra hartwegii, C. obliquinervia, Clusia guatemalensis, Vernonia arborescens, V. patens, Croton reflexifolius, C. xalapensis, Platymiscium pinnatum, Inga calderonii, I. endlicheri, Casearia corymbosa, Nectandra reticulata, Persea liebmamnii, Osmanthus americanus, Robinsonella speciosa, Coussapoa purpusii, Trichilia havanensis, Myrsine juergensenii, Hauya elegans ssp., barcenae, Chiococca pachyphylla, Chomelia brachypoda, Gonzalagunia chiapensis, Rondeletia intermedia, Solanum chiapasense and Trema micrantha*. Towards the end of the dry season in February, several taller tree species shed their leaves and the upper storey is temporarily open, but the new leaves grow quickly and by March the canopy cover is again complete. Deciduous species include *Sapium schippii, Quercus skinneri, Casearia tacanensis, Platymiscium pinnatum, Billia columbiana, Robinsonella speciosa, Coussapoa purpusii, Ficus cookii, Dipholis minutiflora* and *Styrox glabrescens var. pilosus*.

The shrub layer varies in appearance and structure according to the local edaphic conditions. In drier or more open parts, the undergrowth is dominated by a bambusoid herb to the exclusion of other herbs and lower shrub species. Other sites are structurally similar to the plateau forests, likewise having many representatives from Acanthaceae, Compositae, Piperaceae, Rubiaceae and Solanaceae. Tree ferns are absent, but palms of the genus *Chamaedorea* (*C. elegans, C. aff. neurochlamys, C. aff. nubium*) are locally abundant. Apparently the area around Cañada Honda (and more recently on the trail between Palo Gordo and Loma Bonita) was used by local people for palm extraction (I. Gálvez, pers. com. and Heath and Long, pers. obs.). Also in the understorey *Costus spicatus* and *Heliconia* sp. can be locally common.

The most frequent shrub or small tree species include *Aphelandra schiedeana, Justicia inaequalis, Odontonema glabrum, Ruellia matagalpae, Iresine celosia*,

*Rhacoma aff. riparia, Decachaeta ovandensis, Fleischmanniopsis leucocephalum, Liabum bourgeaui, Onoseris onoseroides, Verbesina turbacensis, Viguiera cordata, Acalypha aff. firmula, A. macrostachyoides, Zapoteca protoricensis ssp. portoricensis, Lunania mexicana, Moussonia fruticosa, M. rupicola, Miconia glaberrima, M. mexicana, Heisteria acuminata, Piper pseudo-lindenii, Piper sancti-felicis, Bovardia dictyoneura, Hoffmannia angustifolia, H. cryptoneura, Plocaniophyllum flavum, Psychotria mexiae, Psychotria aff. pubescens, Rondeletia albida, Cestrum luteovirescens, Lycianthes arrazolensis, L. orogenes, Solanum diphyllum, Wittebergia solanacea, Daphnopsis flava, Phenax hirtus and Pleuropetalum sprucei.*

Herb species that are widespread throughout the community are *Pteris orizabae, Odontosoria schlechtendalii, Thelypteris imbricata, Hydrocotyle mexicana, Eupatoriastrum angulifolium, Synedrella nodiflora, Hyptis urticoides, Salvia misella, S. mocinoi, Scutellaria orizabensis, Cuphea ignea, Spigelia palmeri, Biophytum dendroides, Tripogandra serrulata, Oerstedella myriantha and Lasiacis nigra.*

In rocky areas, with thin soils and steep slopes, shrubs and herbs from Piperaceae, Araceae and Commelinaceae are well represented. Species include *Adiantum princeps, Campyloneurum tenuipes, Anemia phyllitidis, Begonia philodendroides, Peperomia collocata, P. obtusifolia, P. peltata, Anthurium chiapasense ssp. chiapasense, Anthurium aff. seleri, Philodendron scandens, Pitcairnia aff. wendlandii, Callisia multiflora, Tradescantia (Campelia) zanonia, T. plusiantha, Cyperus matudae, Smilacina paniculata and S. scilloides*. Wet gulleys and stream edges support a different herbaceous community with the exposed rocks being covered in moss and vascular plants including *Begonia calderonii, B. aff. strigillosa, Achimenes candida, A. pedunculata, Peperomia asarifolia and P. floribunda*.

Several vine species are common, including *Prestonia grandiflora, Gonolobus chiapensis, Marsdenia aff. bourgeana, Matelea inops, M. aff. velutina, Metastelma angustifolia, Celastrus vulcanicola, Ipomoea lindenii, I. lutea, I. tiliacea, Melothria pendula, Tragia mexicana, Rhynchosia amabilis, Passiflora membranacea, P. sexflora, Serjania sp., Valeriana scandens var. candolleana, Dioscorea convolvulacea, D. densiflora, D. floribunda, Smilax mollis, S. ornata and S. velutina*.

Epiphytes are prominent but are significantly less abundant than in the *Quercus-Matudaea-Hedyosmum-Dendropanax* community. Mosses characteristic of the forests at higher altitudes, are sparse and are replaced by lichen, which often covers trunks and branches. Hemi-parasites of the Loranthaceae are numerous (e.g. *Phoradendron falcatum, P. nervosum, P. pipereoides* and *Struthanthus deppeanus*) and epiphytic trees and shrubs are perhaps commoner than in any other of the forest communities, with *Oreopanax sanderianus, Clusia salviniiflora, Epiphyllum thomasianum* var. *thomasianum, Pentadenia matudae, Ficus cookii, Balmea stormae* and *Gibsoniothamnus moldenkeanus* being present. The best represented family with epiphytic species is Orchidaceae, including *Encyclia baculus, E. ochracea, Epidendrum polyanthum, Ornithocephalus tripterus, Pleurothallis tribuloides, Restrepia lankesteri, Scaphyglottis crurigera* and *Trichopilia tortilis*. Other epiphytic species are *Asplenium fragrans, Pleopeltis angusta, Polypodium furfuraceum, Peperomia hoffmannii, Syngonium podophyllum, Catopsis nutans* and *Pitcairnia aff. heterophylla*, which are all abundant.

(6) *Garcinia-Inga-Desmopsis* community. This plant community occurs below

1 200 m on the Pacific slope in the south of Polygon I. It is structurally similar to the *Ficus-Coccoloba-Dipholis-Sapium* community found at higher altitudes on the Pacific slope sharing several species in common. Overall the floristic composition is, however, quite distinct and probably is related more to the forests found at lower altitudes outside of the Polygon I boundaries, where it mixes with lowland tropical tree species such as *Calophyllum brasiliense*, *Terminalia amazonia*, and *Brosimum alicastrum* (UEA, 1989, UEA, 1990, Long and Heath pers. obs.).

The canopy is continuous, containing a high but variable proportion of deciduous species, depending on the aridity of the locality. Tree species present that were not seen in communities at higher altitudes include *Rollinia jimenezii*, *Garcinia intermedia*, *Erythroxilon* sp., *Cojoba haematoxylon*, *Swartzia simplex* var. *ochracea*, *Byrsonima crassifolia*, *Ficus japonensis*, *F. padifolia*, *Parathesis* sp., *Randia grandifolia*, *Symplocos flavifolia*, *Belotia mexicana*. Other tree species which are notably common are *Bursera simaruba*, *Maytenus* sp., *Inga calderonii*, *Nectandra coriacea* and *Phoebe trinervis*.

Smaller tree species (less than 10 m tall) characteristic of this forest are *Desmopsis lanceolata*, *Oreopanax peltatus*, *Viburnum hartwegii*, *Carica cauliflora*, *Rhacoma* aff. *riparia*, *R. standleyi*, *Critonia morifolia*, *C. daleoides*, *Acalypha macrostachya*, *Cnidoscolus* sp., *Malpighia glabra*, *Eugenia biflora*, *Hirtella racemosa* var. *hexandra*, *Chiococca filipes*, *Chione chiapensis*, *Chomelia protracta*, *Faramea occidentalis*, *Zanthoxylum microcarpum*, *Chrysophyllum mexicanum* and *Ternstroemia oocarpa*. The shrub layer is diverse, although quite open in places, with species including *Barleria micans*, *Justicia inaequalis*, *Eupatorium heathiae*, *Zexmenia appressipila*, *Calliandra houstoniana*, *Xylosma flexuosum*, *Piper uspantanense*, *Hoffmannia excelsa*, *Psychotria patens*, *P. quinqueradiata* and *Dodonaea viscosa*. Palms of *Chamaedorea* spp. are also abundant.

Herbs are relatively well developed with terrestrial Araceae such as *Anthurium chiapasense* ssp., *chiapasense* and *A. salviniae* being common. Other herb species encountered are *Tectaria mexicana*, *Blechnum occidentale*, *Desmodium skinneri*, *Peperomia praeteruentifolia*, *Pinarophyllum flavum*, *Xiphidium caeruleum*, *Calathea coccinea* and *Malaxis histionantha*. Small, steep, rocky areas such as on the banks of well worn paths present a distinct herbaceous flora, with several representatives from the Gesneriaceae including *Achimenes candida*, *A. cettoana*, *A. longiflora* and *Niphea saxicola*, and mosses and epipetric ferns such as *Adiantopsis radiata* and *Anemia oblongifolia*. During the opening weeks of the wet season, *Helosis cayenensis* var. *mexicana*, a parasite on tree roots occurs in areas with deep soil and was also collected at the same altitude on the Gulf slope.

In more open areas, vines are abundant and include *Thenardia galeottiana*, *Metastelma schlechtendalii*, *Canavalia hirsuta*, *Gouania* sp., *Vitis tiliifolia*, *Dioscorea convolvulacea* and *Smilax domingensis*. Epiphytes are present but at relatively low densities and species include *Pleopeltis astrolepis*, *Polypodium polypodioides* var. *aciculare*, *Tillandsia* aff. *heterophylla*, *Corymborchis forcipigera*, *Epidendrum melistagum*, *Oncidium ornithorhynchum* and *O. suttonii*. Amongst the hemi-parasitic species are *Cladocolea oligantha*, *Psittacanthus* sp. and *Phoradendron brachystachyum*.

(7) *Quercus salicifolia* forest. Ridges between 1 000 and 1 200 m, support a

forest consociation (one species dominant) of *Quercus salicifolia*, with *Styrax glabrescens* var. *pilosus* and *Quercus skinneri* being the only other tree species usually encountered in this community. The height and structure of the trees is constant at about 20 m, with little other growth between the canopy trees and the shrub layer, apart from immature oaks. The shrub layer is quite open and relatively low in species diversity with *Ilex* sp., *Miconia* sp., *Lysianthus* sp. and *Perymenium gracile*. The ground is covered mainly with grasses, especially *Andropogon glomeratus* but there are also scattered clumps of *Campyloneurum angustifolium* and *Anthurium chiapasense* ssp. *chiapasense*. The horizontal branches of the oaks are covered lightly with epiphytic ferns, orchids and bromeliads.

(8) Clearings. There are two main clearings in the plateau area within the *Quercus-Matudaea-Hedyosmum-Dendropanax* community, both originally created for cultivation: the El Triunfo clearing, location of the reserve headquarters, no longer cultivated, and Palo Gordo, a larger clearing, where until 1990 one family survived as subsistence farmers, growing mainly maize, beans and squash. On the borders of these clearings and in areas of regenerating forest, the most common tree species are *Amphitecna montana*, *Boehmeria caudata*, *Saurauia madrensis*, *S. matudae*, *Tournefortia acutiflora*, *Sambucus mexicana*, *Clethra matudae*, *Bernardia interrupta*, *Wigandia urens* var. *caracasana*, *Leandra subseriata*, *Miconia glaberrima*, *M. globulifera*, *Fuchsia paniculata*, *Bocconia arborea* and *Rhamnus capraefolia* var. *grandifolia*.

Understorey shrubs include *Hibiscus uncinellus*, *Monnieria sylvatica*, *Phytolacca rivinoides*, *Rubus glaucus*, *R. urticifolius*, *Zanthoxylum harmsianum*, *Jaltomata procumbens*, *Solanum nigrescens* and *Hybanthus elatus*. In the more open area of the El Triunfo clearing, which is still grazed by mules and horses, larger shrubs and woody herbs include *Chenopodium ambrosioides* var. *ambrosioides*, *Sticherus bifidus*, *Iresine celosia*, *Ageratina conspicua*, *Bidens odorata* var. *odorata*, *Dahlia excelsa*, *Salvia longispicata*, *Tibouchina longifolia*, *Alloispermum integrifolium*, *Conyza bonariensis* var. *leiotheca*, *C. coronopifolia*, *Dyssodia papposa*, *Fleischmanniopsis leucocephala*, *Gnaphalium viscosum*, *Senecio oaxacanus*, *Hyptis mutabilis*, *Stachys lindenii*, *Rumex obtusifolius* ssp. *obtusifolius*, *Borreria laevis*, *Hemichaena fruticosa*, *Phenax hirtus*, *Pilea quercifolia*, *Verbena carolina*, and *V. litoralis*.

Herb species found are *Diastatea micrantha*, *Stellaria ovata*, *Galinsoga parviflora*, *Gamochaeta americanum*, *Jaegeria hirta*, *Sigesbeckia agrestis*, *S. jorullensis*, *Brassica juncea*, *Lepidium virginicum* var. *centrali-americanum*, *Crotalaria aff. quercetorum*, *Zornia reticulata*, *Geranium mexicanum*, *Sida rhombifolia*, *Oxalis corniculata*, *Crusea coccinea* var. *breviloba*, *Richardia scabra*, *Castilleja arvensis*, *Hybanthus attenuatus*, *Commelina diffusa*, *Tradescantia deficiens*, *T. guatemalensis*, *Carex* sp., *Kyllinga* sp., *Cynodon nlemfuensis* and *Pennisetum purpureum*.

**Vegetation keys and bosque mesófilo de montaña.** The plant communities of Polygon I can be related to a number of vegetation classification systems, the most relevant being the two most widely used for Mexico, those of Rzedowski (1978) and Miranda and Hernández (1963), and those that apply to only Chiapas, namely Miranda (1952) and Breedlove (1981) (see Table 2). The number of vegetation types identified for Polygon I varies according to which key is used; for the classification system of Rzedowski (1978) three of the plant communities are amalgamated under

TABLE 2

A COMPARISON OF THE PLANT COMMUNITIES OF POLYGON I WITH THE VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS OF RZEDOWSKI (1978), MIRANDA AND HERNÁNDEZ (1963), MIRANDA (1952) AND BREEDLOVE (1981)

Community In Polygon I	México		Chiapas	
	Rzedowski	Miranda & Hernández	Miranda	Breedlove
<i>Gaultheria-Ugni-Vaccinium</i>	matorral xerófilo in part	chaparral	—	evergreen cloud scrub
<i>Quercus-Matudaea-Dendropanax-Hedyosmum</i>	bosque mesófilo de montaña	selva mediana o baja perennifolia	selva baja o mediana siempre verde	montane rain forest
<i>Liquidambar-Quercus-Pinus</i>	bosque mesófilo de montaña	bosque caducifolio	bosque deciduo	pine-oak- liquidambar forest
<i>Cupressus-Pinus</i>	bosque de coníferas	bosque de escuamífolios	bosque de hojas aciculares o escamosas	montane rain forest in part pine forest in part
<i>Ficus-Coccoloba-Dipholis-Sapium</i>	bosque mesófilo de montaña	selva alta o mediana sub perennifolia	selva mediana siempre verde in part selva alta siempre verde in part	montane rain forest in part evergreen, seasonal forest in part
<i>Garcinia-Inga-Desmopsis</i>	bosque tropical perennifolio	bosque tropical perennifolio	selva alta siempre verde	lower montane rain forest in part evergreen seasonal forest in part
<i>Quercus salicifolia</i>	bosque de Quercus	encinar	bosque de hojas planas y duras (encinar)	pine-oak forest

the same vegetation type of *bosque mesófilo de montaña* (mesophilous montane forest), whereas following the other systems more vegetation types are distinguished.

The use of the term *bosque mesófilo de montaña* in botanical studies in Mexico is currently very popular and it seems pertinent to present some of the information with respect to this vegetation type, especially in view of recent attempts to compare the floristic composition of different regions within Mexico and Central America (e.g. Luna-Vega *et al.*, 1989, Puig *et al.*, 1983 and Puig 1989). The total number of families, genera and species occurring in *bosque mesófilo de montaña* are shown in Table 3 and approximately 75% of the species listed for Polygon I are represented in this vegetation type. Of the 558 species from 126 families recorded in *bosque mesófilo de montaña*, over half come from just 20 families of which the four largest, Orchidaceae (61 spp.), Rubiaceae (32 spp.), Compositae (28 spp.) and Piperaceae (22 spp.), contain 25% (143) of the species's total (Fig. 4). Of the 331 genera, 18 account for over 25% of the species's total with Peperomia (14 spp.) and Tillandsia (13 spp.), being the two largest (Fig. 5). The numbers of species for the different life

TABLE 3

QUANTITATIVE BREAKDOWN BY FAMILY, GENERA AND SPECIES OF THE PLANT GROUPS RECORDED FROM *BOSQUE MESÓFILO DE MONTAÑA* IN POLYGON I OF THE EL TRIUNFO BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Plant Group	Families	Genera	Species
Pteridophyta	16	26	49
Gymnospermae	3	3	3
Dicotyledoneae	96	246	379
Monocotyledoneae	11	56	127
TOTAL	126	331	558

forms that comprise *bosque mesófilo de montaña* are relatively even; epiphytes have the greatest total (120 spp.) and trees (greater than 10 m and below 10 m), shrubs and herbs are all well represented, but there are fewer vines and parasitic species (Fig. 6).

**Past published botanical work from the Sierra Madre de Chiapas.** Several botanists have worked and collected in the Sierra Madre de Chiapas, the most

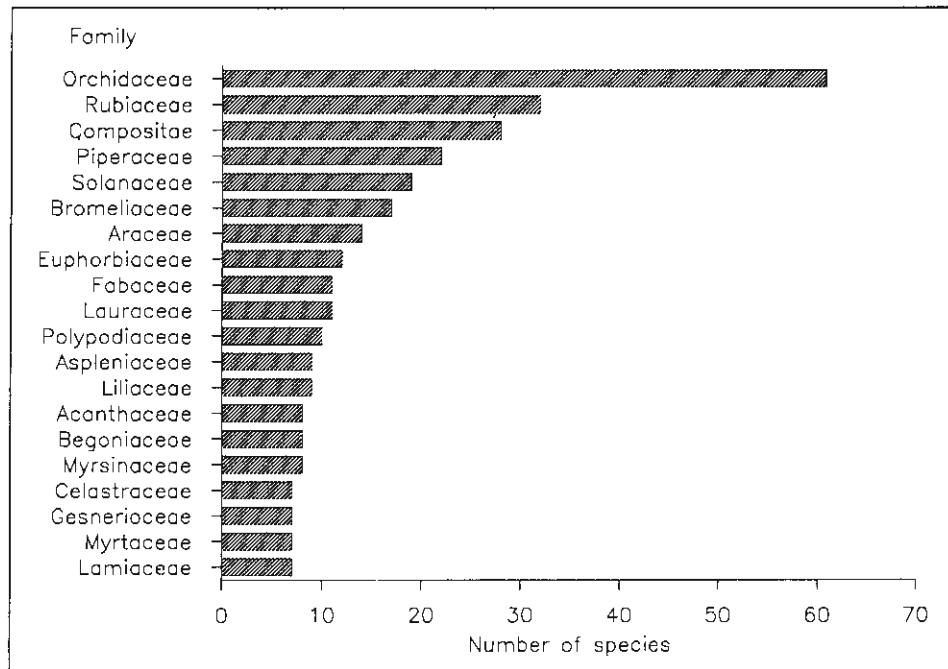


Fig. 4. Families with the largest number of species recorded from *bosque mesófilo de montaña* in Polygon I of the El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve.

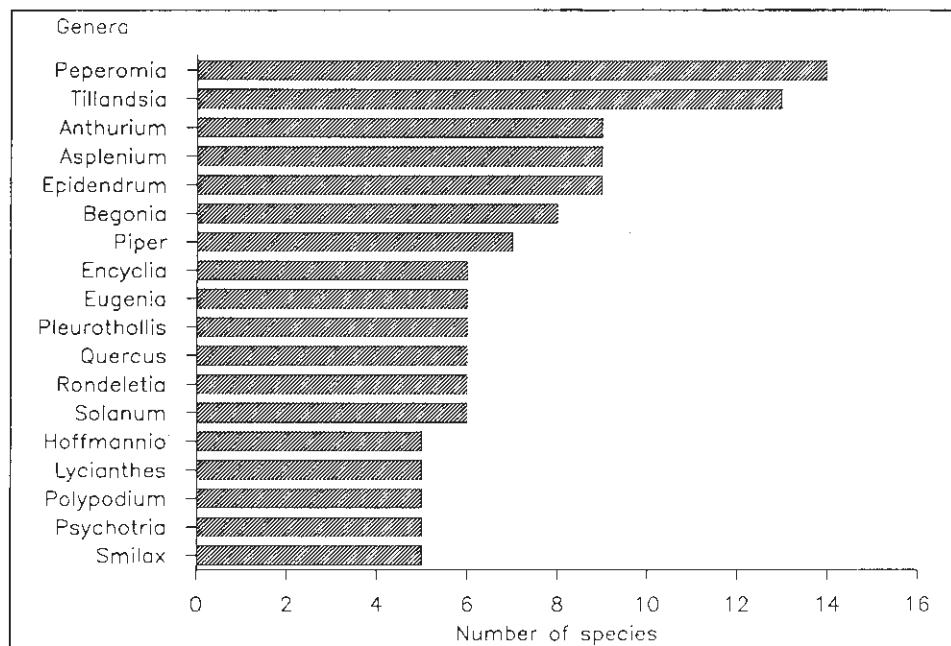


Fig. 5. Genera with the largest number of species recorded from *bosque mesófilo de montaña* in Polygon I of the El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve.

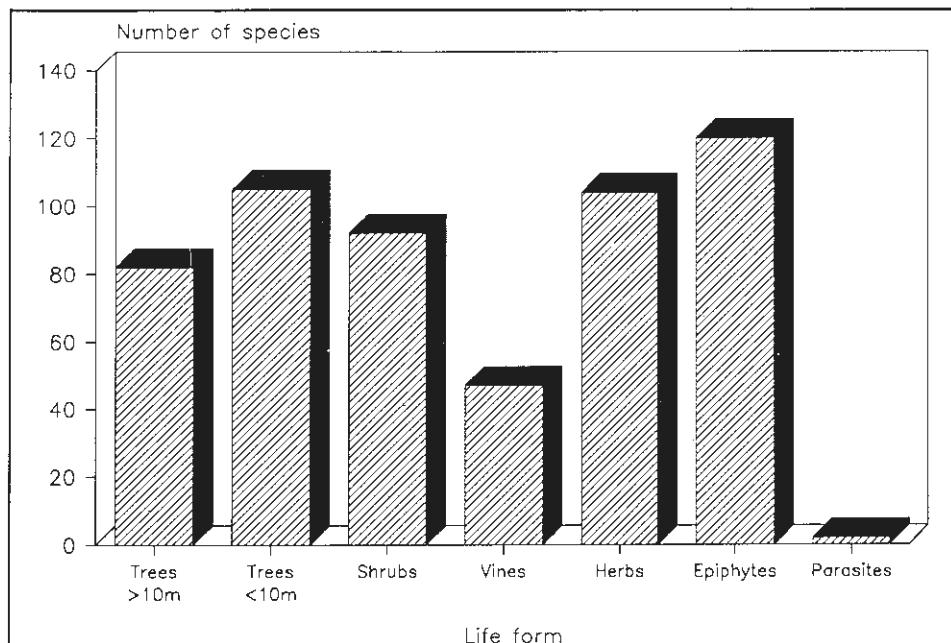


Fig. 6. The number of species comprising different life forms in *bosque mesófilo de montaña* in Polygon I of the El Triunfo Biosphere Reserve.

prominent being Eizi Matuda and Faustino Miranda. Matuda spent over twenty years collecting in the Soconusco and Mariscal regions of Chiapas, which encompass the southern half of the Sierra Madre mountain chain and Miranda visited and collected at numerous localities throughout Chiapas during his work on the vegetation of the state.

Matuda (1950a, b) recorded 2 628 species for the Soconusco and Mariscal regions and notably he collected heavily on the Pacific slope at Monte Ovando (located 37 km west of Cerro El Triunfo), where he registered 791 species of 476 genera and 122 families. A detailed comparison of these collections with those from the present study in Polygon I would be most informative, but a full revision of Matuda's collections would be necessary as there have been various taxonomic changes and, unfortunately, the exact localities of the collections are difficult to decipher and precise altitudes are often missing.

It is clear, however, that Polygon I and Monte Ovando share many common species. These include several that are poorly known in Mexico, or have not been recorded previously away from the latter site. Such species include *Decachaeta ovandensis*, *Heisteria acuminata*, *Desmopsis lanceolata*, *Forchhammeria matudae*, *Bunchosia matudae*, *Centardisia (Ardisia) ovadensis*, *Daphnopsis flava*, *Plocanophyllum flavum* and *Rondeletia ovadensis*, and are all found in the *Ficus-Coccoloba-Dipholis-Sapium* community of the Pacific slope in Polygon I, highlighting the importance of this area in terms of species rarity. The *Ficus-Coccoloba-Dipholis-Sapium* community is interesting because it shares features of the mesophilous evergreen forest found at higher altitudes and of tropical evergreen forest of the lowlands, but is not an ecotone between the two as many of the plant species were found only in this community.

Miranda (1957) studied the Pacific slope and mountain peaks of the Sierra Madre and he recognised 10 principal vegetation types, for each describing the physiognomy and the characteristic tree and shrub species. Of the vegetation types listed by Miranda, only *selva mediana siempre verde* shares significant numbers of species and genera with the inventory compiled for Polygon I; a total of 13 of the 28 species mentioned and 24 of the 26 genera were found in our study area. Interestingly, Miranda stresses that this vegetation formation is characteristic of the upper slopes and peaks of the mountains and is typified by the 'almost total absence of species from the genus *Ficus*', which are well represented in other forest types. However, on the mountain slopes between 1 300 m and 1 600 m on the Pacific slope, species listed by Miranda for *selva alta siempre verde* occur commonly together with *Ficus cookii* in the *Ficus-Coccoloba-Dipholis-Sapium* community.

## CONCLUSION

The current species list for Polygon I is preliminary, although it undoubtedly represents a high proportion of the species occurring there. Species from the more inaccessible groups such as epiphytes, together with rarer species found in low densities in the forest remain under-collected and will be discovered only through regular seasonal collecting or thorough quantitative sampling of discrete areas.

Quantitative studies need to be carried out, not only to identify these yet unrecorded species but also to add to the information on the floristic composition and structure of the plant communities identified (but see Williams L. [1991] for preliminary results on studies of the *Quercus-Matudaea-Hedyosmum-Dendropanax* community). Although the communities presented here are perhaps over-simplified, hiding the true complexity of the species's assemblages that exist, they do provide a strong framework on which future more detailed studies can be based.

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#### APPENDIX 1

#### PRELIMINARY FLORISTIC INVENTORY FOR POLYGON I OF THE EL TRIUNFO BIOSPHERE RESERVE

- 1 *Gaultheria—Ugni—Vaccinium*.
- 2 *Quercus—Matudaea—Dendropanax—Hedyosmum*.
- 3 *Liquidambar—Quercus—Pinus*.
- 4 *Cupressus—Pinus*.
- 5 *Ficus—Coccoloba—Dipholis—Sapium*.
- 6 *Garcinia—Inga—Desmopsis*.
- 7 *Quercus salicifolia*
- 8 Clearings.

● Present in plant community

#### PTERIDOPHYTA

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##### Adiantaceae

*Adiantopsis radiata* (L.) Féé

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*Adiantum concinnum* Willd.

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*A. fructuosum* Spreng.

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*A. princeps* Moore

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*Pityrogramma tartarea* (Cav.) Maxon  
var. *tartarea*

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*Pteris orizabae* M. et G.

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*P. quadriaurita* Retz

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##### Aspleniaceae

*Asplenium auriculatum* Sw.

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*A. fragrans* Sw.

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*A. monanthes* L.

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*Asplenium* sp. 1

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*Asplenium* sp. 2

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*Asplenium* sp. 3

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<i>Asplenium</i> sp. 4	•							
<i>Asplenium</i> sp. 5	•	•						
<i>Asplenium</i> sp. 6	•	•						
<b>Athyriaceae</b>								
<i>Diplazium francoisii</i> Liebm.	•	•						
<b>Cyatheaceae</b>								
<i>Alsophila salvini</i> Hook.	•							
<i>Cyathea fulva</i> (M. et G.) Féé	•	•						
<i>C. valdecrenata</i> Domin	•	•						
<b>Dryopteridaceae</b>								
<i>Arachniodes denticulata</i> (Sw.) Ching	•	•						
<i>Ctenitis subincisa</i> (Willd.) Ching	•	•						
<i>Tectaria aff. mexicana</i> (Féé) Morton	•	•			•			
<b>Gleicheniaceae</b>								
<i>Sticherus bifidus</i> (Willd.) Ching	•	•	•					
<b>Grammitidaceae</b>								
<i>Cochlidium rostratum</i> (Hook.) Maxon ex C. Chr.	•							
<i>Eriosorus hirtus</i> (H.B.K.) Copel. var. <i>hirtus</i>	•	•						
<i>Grammitis</i> sp.	•	•						
<b>Hymenophyllaceae</b>								
<i>Hymenophyllum</i> sp.	•							
<i>Trichomanes capillaceum</i> L.	•	•						
<i>T. radicans</i> Sw.	•	•						
<b>Lindsaeaceae</b>								
<i>Odontosoria schlechtendalii</i> (Presl) C. Chr.	•	•	•	•	•			
<b>Lomariopsidaceae</b>								
<i>Elaphoglossum peltatum</i> (Sw.) Urban	•	•						
<i>Elaphoglossum</i> sp. 1	•	•						
<i>Elaphoglossum</i> sp. 2	•	•				•		
<b>Lycopodiaceae</b>								
<i>Lycopodium thyoides</i> H. et B. ex Willd.	•	•						
<i>L. clavatum</i> L.	•	•						
<b>Marattiaceae</b>								
<i>Marattia excavata</i> Underw.	•	•						
<b>Ophioglossaceae</b>								
<i>Botrychium virginianum</i> (L.) Sw.	•	•						
<i>Ophioglossum crotalophoroides</i> Walter	•	•						
<b>Polypodiaceae</b>								
<i>Blechnum occidentale</i> L.	•	•				•		
<i>Campyloneurum amphostenon</i> (Kuntze ex Klotzsch) Féé	•	•					•	
<i>C. angustifolium</i> (Sw.) Féé	•	•					•	
<i>C. tenuipes</i> Maxon	•	•			•			
<i>C. xalapense</i> Féé	•	•						
<i>Pleopeltis angusta</i> H. et B. ex Willd.	•	•	•	•			•	
<i>P. astrolepis</i> (Liebm.) Fourn.	•	•	•	•			•	



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**Actinidiaceae**

<i>Saurauia kegeliana</i> Schlecht.	.	.	●	.	●	.	.	.
<i>S. madrensis</i> B.T. Keller et Breedlove	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	●
<i>S. matudae</i> Lundell	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	●
<i>S. oreophila</i> Hemsley	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	●

**Amaranthaceae**

<i>Iresine celosia</i> L.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	●
<i>Pleuropetalum sprucei</i> (Hook. f.) Standley	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	●

**Anacardiaceae**

<i>Tapirira mexicana</i> Marchand	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
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**Annonaceae**

<i>Desmopsis lanceolata</i> Lundell	.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Rollinia jimenezii</i> Standley	.	.	●	●	●	.	.	.

**Apiaceae**

<i>Hydrocotyle mexicana</i> C. et S.	.	●	.	●	.	.	.	.
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**Apocynaceae**

<i>Mandevilla subsagittata</i> (R. et P.) Woodson	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>M. aff. rosana</i> (J.D. Smith) Woodson	.	.	●	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Prestonia grandiflora</i> L.O. Williams	.	●	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Stemmadenia galeottiana</i> (A. Rich.) Miers	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Thenardia galeottiana</i> Baillon	.	●	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Tonduzia longifolia</i> (A. DC.) Woodson	.	.	●	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Vinca major</i> L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.

**Aquifoliaceae**

<i>Ilex belizensis</i> Lundell	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>I. liebmansi</i> Standley	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>I. quercetorum</i> I.M. Johnston	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ilex</i> sp.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.

**Araliaceae**

<i>Dendropanax pallidus</i> M. et J. Cannon	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>D. populifolius</i> A.C. Smith	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oreopanax echinops</i> (S. et C.) Decne. et Planchon	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>O. peltatum</i> Linden ex Regel	.	.	●	●	●	.	.	.
<i>O. sanderianus</i> Hemsley	.	●	●	●	●	.	.	.
<i>O. xalapensis</i> (H.B.K.) Decne. et Planchon	.	●	●	●	●	.	.	.

**Aristolochiaceae**

<i>Aristolochia</i> sp.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
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**Asclepiadaceae**

<i>Gonolobus chiapensis</i> (Brandegee) Woodson	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>G. aff. macranthus</i> Kunthe	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Marsdenia bourgeana</i> (Baillon) Rothe	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Matelea inops</i> Woodson	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>M. aff. velutina</i> (Schlecht.) Woodson	●	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Metastelma angustifolia</i> Turey	.	●	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>M. schlechtendalii</i> Decne.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.

**Balanophoraceae**

<i>Helosis cayennensis</i> (Sw.) Spreng.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
var. <i>mexicana</i> (Liebm.) B. Hansen	var. <i>mexicana</i> (Liebm.) B. Hansen	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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<b>Begoniaceae</b>								
<i>Begonia bettiae</i> Ziesenh.	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>B. calderonii</i> Standley	.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>B. fusca</i> Liebm.	.	●	●	•	•	•	•	•
<i>B. oaxacana</i> A. DC.	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>B. peltata</i> Link et Otto	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>B. philodendroides</i> Ziesenh.	.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>B. aff. sartorii</i> Liebm.	.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>B. aff. strigillosa</i> A. Dietr.	.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Betulaceae</b>								
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> Walt.	.	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<b>Bignoniaceae</b>								
<i>Amphitecna montana</i> L.O. Williams	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Boraginaceae</b>								
<i>Tournefortia acutiflora</i> M. et G.	.	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>T. glabra</i> L.	.	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<b>Brunelliaceae</b>								
<i>Brunellia mexicana</i> Standley	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Burseraceae</b>								
<i>Bursera simaruba</i> (L.) Sarg.	.	•	•	•	●	•	●	•
<b>Cactaceae</b>								
<i>Epiphyllum thomasianum</i> (Schuman) Britton et Rose var. <i>thomasianum</i>	.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Nopalochia ackermannii</i> f. <i>candida</i> Alexander	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>N. ackermannii</i> var. <i>conzattianum</i> (MacDougall) Kimnach	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Campanulaceae</b>								
<i>Diastatea micrantha</i> (H.B.K.) McVaugh	.	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Lobelia laxiflora</i> H.B.K.	.	●	●	●	•	•	•	●
<i>L. plebeja</i> F. Wimmer	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Capparaceae</b>								
<i>Cleome magnifica</i> Briq.	.	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Forchhammeria matudae</i> Lundell	.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Caprifoliaceae</b>								
<i>Sambucus mexicana</i> Presl	.	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Viburnum acutifolium</i> spp. <i>blandum</i> Morton	●	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>V. hartwegii</i> Benth.	.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Caricaceae</b>								
<i>Carica cauliflora</i> Jacq.	.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>								
<i>Arenaria guatemalensis</i> Standley et Steyermark.	.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Stellaria ovata</i> Willd. ex Schlecht.	.	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<b>Celastraceae</b>								
<i>Celastrus vulcanicola</i> J.D. Smith	.	●	•	•	●	•	•	•

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<i>Maytenus</i> sp.	.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Perrrottetia longistylis</i> Rose	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Rhacomia</i> aff. <i>riparia</i> Lundell	.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>R. standleyi</i> (Lundell) Standley et Steyermark	.	.	●	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Wimmeria montana</i> Lundell	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Zinowiewia matudae</i> Lundell	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<b>Chenopodiaceae</b>								
<i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> L. var. <i>ambrosioides</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<b>Chloranthaceae</b>								
<i>Hedyosmum mexicanum</i> Cordemoy	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Chrysobalanaceae</b>								
<i>Hirtella racemosa</i> var. <i>hexandra</i> (Willdenow ex Roemer et Schultes) Prance	.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<b>Clethraceae</b>								
<i>Clethra hartwegii</i> Britton	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>C. matudae</i> Lundell	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Clethra obliquinervia</i> Standley	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>C. suaveolens</i> Turcz.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Clusiaceae</b>								
<i>Clusia guatemalensis</i> Hemsl.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.	.
<i>C. salvini</i> J.D. Smith	.	.	●	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Garcinia intermedia</i> (Pittier) Hammel	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<b>Compositae</b>								
<i>Ageratum microcephalum</i> Hemsl.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>A. conspicua</i> (Kunth et Bouché) King et Rob.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Allospurmenia integrifolium</i> (D.C.) H. Rob	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Archibaccharis androgyna</i> (Brandegee) Blake	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Baccharis vaccinoides</i> H.B.K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Bartlettina pinabetensis</i> (B. Rob.) King et H. Rob.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bidens odorata</i> Cav. var. <i>odorata</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>B. squarrosa</i> var. <i>atrostriata</i> Roseman	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Chromolaena collina</i> (DC.) King et H. Rob.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Conyza bonariensis</i> (L.) Cronq. var. <i>leiotheca</i> (Blake) Cuatr.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>C. coronopifolia</i> Kunth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Critonia daleoides</i> DC.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>C. morifolia</i> (Mill.) King et H. Rob.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Dahlia excelsa</i> Benth.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Decachaeta ovandensis</i> (Grashoff et Beaman) King et H. Rob.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Desmanthodium perfoliatum</i> Benth.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Dyssodia papposa</i> A. Hitchc.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>Elaphantopus mollis</i> H.B.K.	.	●	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Eupatorium angulifolium</i> (B. Rob.) King et H. Rob.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Eupatorium</i> ( <i>Bartlettina</i> ) <i>tenejapanum</i> B.L. Turner	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>E. heathiae</i> B.L. Turner	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Fleischmanniopsis leucocephala</i> (Benth.) King et H. Rob.	.	.	.	●	.	.	●	.

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<i>Galinsoga parviflora</i> Cav.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Gamochaeta americanum</i> (Miller) Cabrera	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Gnaphalium elegans</i> Kunth	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>G. roseum</i> Kunth	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<i>G. silvicola</i> (McVaugh) Nesom	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	●
<i>G. viscosum</i> Kunth	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Jaegeria hirta</i> Less.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Koanophyllum coulteri</i> (B. Rob.) King et H. Rob.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>K. pittieri</i> (Klatt) King et H. Rob.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Liabum bourgeaui</i> Hieron.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Neomirandeja aralifolia</i> (Less.) King et H. Rob.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Onoseris onoseroides</i> (Kunth) B. Rob.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Perymenium gracile</i> Hemsl.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Podachaenium pachyphyllum</i> (Schultz-Bip. ex Klatt)	●	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
R. Jansen, Harriman et Urbatsch	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Schistocarpha longiligula</i> Rydb. var. <i>longiligula</i>	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. longiligula</i> var. <i>seleri</i> (Rydb.) B.L. Turner	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Senecio cobanensis</i> J. Coulter	•	•	•	●	•	•	●	•
<i>S. grandifolius</i> Less.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>S. greenmanii</i> (Rob. et Brettell) L.O. Williams	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. oaxacanus</i> Hemsl.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>S. uspanianensis</i> (Coul.) Greenm.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Sigesbeckia agrestis</i> Poepp. et Endl.	•	•	•	●	•	•	●	•
<i>S. jorullensis</i> H.B.K.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Stevia chiapensis</i> Grashoff	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<i>Synedrella nodiflora</i> (L.) Gaertn.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Verbesina apuleura</i> Blake	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<i>V. turbacensis</i> H.B.K.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Vernonia arborescens</i> (L.) Sw.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>V. patens</i> Kunth	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>V. polyleura</i> Blake	•	•	●	●	•	•	•	•
<i>Viguiera cordata</i> (Hook. et Arn.) D'Arcy	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Zexmenia appressipila</i> Blake	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Zexmenia</i> sp.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>								
<i>Ipomoea lindenii</i> M. et G.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>I. lutea</i> Hemsley	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>I. tiliacea</i> (Willd.) Choisy	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Cruciferae</b>								
<i>Brassica juncea</i> (L.) Coss.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Cardamine fulcrata</i> Greene	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Lepidium virginicum</i> L. var. <i>centrali-americanum</i> (Thell.) C.L. Hitchc.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i> (L.) Hayek	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<b>Cucurbitaceae</b>								
<i>Cyclanthera langaei</i> Cogn.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Melothria pendula</i> L.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Rytidostylis ciliata</i> (Cogn.) O. Kuntze	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Sechium compositum</i> (J.D. Smith) C. Jeffrey	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Sicyos</i> aff. <i>motozintlensis</i> Lott et Fryxell	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Cunoniaceae</b>								
<i>Weinmannia pinnata</i> L.	●	●	•	•	•	•	•	•

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**Elaeocarpaceae***Sloanea ampla* I.M. Johnston

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**Ericaceae***Bejaria aestuans* Mutis ex L.f.

• • • •

*Cavendishia bracteata* (Ruiz et Pavón ex Saint-Hilaire) Hoerold

• • • • •

*Comarostaphylis arbutooides* Lundell  
spp. *arbutooides*

• • • • •

*Gaultheria acuminata* S. et C.

• • •

*Lyonia squamulosa* M. et G.

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*Monotropa uniflora* L.

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*Sphyrospermum majus* Griseb.

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*Vaccinium confertum* H.B.K.

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*V. leucanthum* C. et S.

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*V. matudae* Lundell

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**Erythroxylaceae***Erythroxylon* sp.

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**Euphorbiaceae***Acalypha* aff. *firmula* Muell. Arg.

• • • •

*A. macrostachya* Jacq.

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*A. macrostachyoides* Muell. Arg.

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*Alchornea latifolia* Sw.

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*Bernardia interrupta* (Schlecht.) Muell. Arg.

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*Cleidion oblongifolium* (Standley) Croizat

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*Cnidoscolus* sp.

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*Croton reflexifolius* H.B.K.

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*C. xalapensis* H.B.K.

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*Euphorbia scabrella* Boiss.

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*Phyllanthus purpusii* Brandegee

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*Sapium schippii* Croizat

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*Tragia mexicana* Muell. Arg.

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**Fabaceae***Calliandra hirsuta* (G. Don) Benth.

• • • •

*C. houstoniana* (Miller) Kuntze

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*Canavalia dura* Sauer

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*C. hirsuta* (Mart. et Gal.) Standley

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*Clitoria mexicana* Link

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*Cojoba donnell-smithii* Britton et Rose

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*C. escuintlensis* Lundell

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*C. haematoloba* L. Rico ined.

• • •

*C. matudae* (Lundell) L. Rico

• • •

*Crotalaria* aff. *queretorum* Brandegee

• • •

*Desmodium cordistipulum* Hemsley

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*D. helleri* Peyr.

• • •

*D. skinneri* Benth. ex Hemsley

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*Desmodium* sp.

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*Inga calderonii* Standley

• • •

*I. endlicheri* (Kuntze) MacBride

• • •

*Mimosa albida* H. et B. ex Willd.

• • •

*Platymiscium pinnatum* (Jacq.) Dug.

• • •

*Rhynchosia amabilis* Grear

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*R. discolor* M. et G.

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**Lamiaceae**

<i>Hyptis mutabilis</i> (L. Rich.) Briq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>H. urticoides</i> H.B.K.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Salvia infuscata</i> Epling	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>S. karwinskii</i> Benth.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>S. longispicata</i> M. et G.	●	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>S. membranacea</i> Benth.	●	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>S. misella</i> H.B.K.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>S. mocinoi</i> Benth.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Scutellaria orizabensis</i> Epling	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Stachys lindenii</i> Benth.	.	●	.	.	.	.	●

**Lauraceae**

<i>Lauraceae</i> sp. 1	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Nectandra coriacea</i> (Sw.) Griseb.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>N. reticulata</i> (R. et P.) Mez	●	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>N. sinuata</i> Mez	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Ocotea chiapensis</i> (Lundell) Standley et Steyermark	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Persea americana</i> L.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>P. liebmannii</i> Mez	●	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Persea</i> sp. 1	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Phoebe chiapensis</i> Lundell	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>P. mexicana</i> Meissn.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>P. siltepecana</i> Lundell	●	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>P. trinervis</i> Lundell	.	●	.	.	●	.	.
<i>P. aff. trinervis</i> Lundell	.	.	●	.	.	.	.

**Loganiaceae**

<i>Buddleia americana</i> L.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>Spigelia palmeri</i> Rose	.	●	●	●	.	.	.

**Loranthaceae**

<i>Cladocolea oligantha</i> (Standley et Steyermark.) Kuijt	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>Phoradendron brachystachyum</i> Nutt.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>P. falcatum</i> (C. et S.) Trel.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>P. nervosum</i> Oliver	●	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>P. piperoides</i> (H.B.K.) Trel.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Psittacanthus</i> sp.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Struthanthus deppeanus</i> Blume	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Struthanthus</i> sp.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.

**Lythraceae**

<i>Cuphea appendiculata</i> var. <i>appendiculata</i> Koehne	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
<i>C. ignea</i> A. DC.	.	●	●	.	.	.	.

**Malpighiaceae**

<i>Banisteriopsis argentea</i> (H.B.K.) C. Robinson	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bunchosia gracilis</i> Niedenzu	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>B. lanceolata</i> Turcz.	.	.	.	●	●	.	.
<i>B. matudae</i> Lundell	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Byrsinima crassifolia</i> (L.) H.B.K.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Malpighia glabra</i> L.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.

**Malvaceae**

<i>Abutilon purpusii</i> Standley	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Hibiscus uncinellus</i> DC.	.	.	●	.	.	.	●

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<i>Malvaviscus lanceolatus</i> Rose	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Malvaviscus</i> sp.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Robinsonella speciosa</i> Fryxell	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>Sida acuta</i> Burm. f.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>S. rhombifolia</i> L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
 <b>Melastomataceae</b>							
<i>Clidemia</i> sp.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>Conostegia volcanalis</i> Standley et Steyermark	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leandra subseriata</i> (Naud.) Cogn.	.	●	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Miconia argentea</i> (Sw.) DC.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>M. desmantha</i> Cogn.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>M. glaberrima</i> (Schlecht.) Naud.	●	●	●	●	●	.	.
<i>M. globulifera</i> Naud.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>M. ibaguensis</i> (Bonpl.) Triana	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>M. mexicana</i> (Bonpl.) Naud.	.	.	.	●	●	.	.
<i>Miconia</i> sp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tibouchina longifolia</i> (Vahl) Baillon ex Cogn.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
 <b>Meliaceae</b>							
<i>Cedrela</i> sp.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Guarea glabra</i> Vahl	.	●	.	.	●	.	.
<i>Trichilia havanensis</i> Jacq.	.	●	.	.	●	.	.
 <b>Menispermaceae</b>							
<i>Hyperbaena</i> aff. <i>mexicana</i> Miers	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
 <b>Monimiaceae</b>							
<i>Mollinedia pallida</i> Lundell	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>Siparuna andina</i> (Tul.) A. DC.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
 <b>Moraceae</b>							
<i>Brosimum</i> sp.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>Cecropia</i> sp.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>Coussapoa purpusii</i> Standley	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>Ficus cookii</i> Standley	.	.	●	.	●	●	.
<i>F. japonensis</i> Desv.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>F. padifolia</i> H.B.K.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>Morus</i> sp.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pseudolmedia simiarum</i> Standley et Steyermark	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Trophis chiapensis</i> Brandegee	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>T. cuspidata</i> Lundell	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>T. mexicana</i> (Liebm.) Bureau	.	●	●	.	.	.	.
 <b>Myricaceae</b>							
<i>Myrica cerifera</i> L.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
 <b>Myrsinaceae</b>							
<i>Ardisia compressa</i> H.B.K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
<i>A. neomirandae</i> Lundell	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
<i>A. siltepecana</i> Lundell	.	.	●	●	●	.	.
<i>Ardisia</i> sp. 1	.	●	●	●	●	.	.
<i>Ardisia</i> sp. 2	.	●	●	●	●	.	.
<i>Centardisia ovandensis</i> (Lundell) Lundell	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>Gentlea tucanensis</i> (Lundell) Lundell	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Myrsine juergensenii</i> (Mez) Lundell	.	●	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Parathesis chiapensis</i> Fern.	.	●	●	●	●	.	.

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<i>Z. microcarpum</i> Griseb.	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<b>Sabiaceae</b>								
<i>Meliosma matudae</i> Lundell	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Meliosma</i> sp.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Sapindaceae</b>								
<i>Cupania</i> aff. <i>macrophylla</i> A. Rich.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> (L.) Jacq.	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<i>Exothea paniculata</i> (Juss.) Radlk.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Serjania</i> sp.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Sapotaceae</b>								
<i>Chrysophyllum mexicanum</i> Brandegee ex Standley	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Diphlois minutiflora</i> Pittier	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Sideroxylon capiri</i> Pittier	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Scrophulariaceae</b>								
<i>Castilleja arvensis</i> C. et S.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Gibsoniothamnus cornutus</i> (J.D. Smith) A. Gentry	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>G. moldenkeanus</i> (Standley) L.O. Williams	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Hemichaena fruticosa</i> Benth.	•	•	●	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Leucocarpus perfoliatus</i> (Kunth) Benth.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>Russelia sarmentosa</i> Jacq.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Sibthorpia repens</i> (Mutis ex L.) O. Kuntze	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Stemodia</i> sp.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Simaroubaceae</b>								
<i>Picramnia antidesma</i> var. <i>fessoniana</i> (DC.) Thomas	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>P. matudae</i> Lundell	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Picrasma</i> sp.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Solanaceae</b>								
<i>Cestrum elegansissimum</i> Morton	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>C. aff. formosum</i>	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>C. luteovirescens</i> Francey	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<i>Jaltomata procumbens</i> (Cav.) J.L. Gentry	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Juanulloa mexicana</i> (Schlecht.) Miers	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Lycianthes arrazolensis</i> (Coulter et J.D. Smith) Bitter	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>L. chiapensis</i> (Brandegee) Standley	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>L. connata</i> J.L. Gentry	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>L. orogenes</i> Standley et Steyermark	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<i>L. tricolor</i> (Sessé et Moç. ex Dunal) Bitter	•	•	●	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Physalis</i> aff. <i>angulata</i> L.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Solanum apendiculatum</i> H.B.K. ex Dunal	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. chiapense</i> Roe	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<i>S. chrysotrichum</i> Schlecht.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. cordovense</i> S. et M.	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<i>S. diphyllum</i> L.	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<i>S. nigrescens</i> M. et G.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>S. nudum</i> H.B.K.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	●
<i>S. trizygum</i> Bitter	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. wendlandii</i> Hook. f.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Witheringia cuneata</i> Hunz.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>W. solanacea</i> L'Hér.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•

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**Staphyleaceae***Turpinia paniculata* Vent.

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**Sterculiaceae***Sterculia mexicana* R. Br.

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**Styracaceae***Styrax glabrescens* Benth. var. *glabrescens*

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*S. glabrescens* var. *pilosus* (Perkins) Standley

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**Symplocaceae***Symplocos flavifolia* Lundell

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*S. hartwegii* A. DC.

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**Theaceae***Cleyera theaeoides* (Sw.) Choisy

• • • • •

*Symplococarpus flavifolium* Lundell

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*Ternstroemia lineata* ssp. *chalicophila* (Loes.) Bartholomew

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*T. oocarpa* (Rose) Melchior

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**Thymelaeaceae***Daphnopsis flava* Lundell

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*D. selerorum* Gilg.

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**Tiliaceae***Betolia mexicana* (DC.) Schum.

• • • • •

*Helicocarpus donnell-smithii* Rose

• • • • •

*Triumfetta dumetorum* Schlecht.

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*T. speciosa* Seem.

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**Ulmaceae***Celtis aff. caudata* Planchon

• • • • •

*Lozanella enantiophylla* (J.D. Smith)

• • • • •

Kilip et Morton

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*Trema micrantha* (L.) Blume

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*Ulmus mexicana* Liebm.

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**Urticaceae***Boehmeria caudata* Sw.

• • • • •

*B. ulmifolia* Wedd.

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*Myriocarpa longipes* Liebm.

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*Phenax hirtus* var. *minor* Wedd.

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*P. hirtus* (Sw.) Wedd.

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*Pilea aff. auriculata* Liebm.

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*P. quercifolia* Killip

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*Urera alceifolia* Gaud.

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**Valerianaceae***Valeriana scandens* L. var. *candolleana*

• • • • •

(Gard.) Muell.

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**Verbenaceae***Aegiphila valerii* Standley

• • • • •

*Citharexylum mocinii* D. Don

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*Verbena carolina* L.

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*V. litoralis* H.B.K.

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<i>T. plusiantha</i> Standley	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>T. zebra</i> var. <i>mollipila</i> D. Hunt	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Tripogandra serrulata</i> (Vahl.) Handlos	•	●	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Cyperaceae</b>								
<i>Carex</i> sp.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<i>Cyperus hemaphroditus</i> (Jacq.) Standley	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<i>C. matudae</i> G.C. Tucker	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Kyllinga</i> sp.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Rhynchospora</i> sp.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Scleria</i> sp.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<i>Uncinia hamata</i> (Sw.) Urban	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Dioscoreaceae</b>								
<i>Dioscorea convolvulacea</i> S. et C.	•	●	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>D. densiflora</i> Hemsley	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>D. floribunda</i> M. et G.	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<i>D. racemosa</i> (Klotzsch) Uline	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Haemodoraceae</b>								
<i>Xiphidium caeruleum</i> Aublet	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Iridaceae</b>								
<i>Orthrosanthus chimboracensis</i> (H.B.K.) Baker	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Liliaceae</b>								
<i>Bomarea hirtella</i> (H.B.K.) Herb.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Smilacina amoena</i> Wendl.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. flexuosa</i> Bertol	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. paniculata</i> M. et G.	•	●	●	●	●	•	•	•
<i>S. scilloides</i> M. et G.	•	●	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>Smilax domingensis</i> Willd.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>S. jalapensis</i> Schlecht.	•	●	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>S. mollis</i> H. et B. ex Willd.	•	●	•	●	●	•	•	•
<i>S. ornata</i> Lemaire	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>S. purpusii</i> Brandegee	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>S. subpubescens</i> A. DC.	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<i>S. velutina</i> Killip et Morton	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•
<b>Maranthaceae</b>								
<i>Calathea coccinea</i> Standley et Steyermark.	•	•	•	•	•	●	•	•
<b>Musaceae</b>								
<i>Heliconia adflexa</i> (Griggs) Standley	•	•	•	●	•	•	•	•
<b>Orchidaceae</b>								
<i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i> Hartweg ex Lindley	●	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Brassia verrucosa</i> Lindley	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Corymborchis forcipigera</i> (Reichb. f.) L.O. Williams	•	•	•	•	•	•	●	•
<i>Dichaea graminoides</i> (Sw.) Lindley	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>D. muricatoidea</i> Hamer et Garay	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>D. cf. squarrosa</i> Lindley	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Elleanthus cynocephalus</i> (Reichb. f.) Reichb. f.	•	●	•	•	•	•	•	•
<i>Encyclia baculus</i> (Reichb. f.) Dressler et Pollard	•	•	•	•	●	•	•	•



## Appendix 1, continued

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<i>Stelis aff. aprica</i> Schltr.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>S. ovatilabia</i> Schltr.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>S. rubens</i> Schltr.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>S. tenuissima</i> Schlecht.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Stelis</i> sp.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stenorhynchos speciosum</i> Jacq. L.C. Rich. ex Spreng.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Trichopilia tortilis</i> Lindley	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>Trichosalpinx</i> cf. <i>cedralensis</i> (Ames) Luer	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>T. greenwoodiana</i> Soto Arenas	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Trigonidium egertonianum</i> Batem; ex Lindley	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Palmae</b>								
<i>Chamaedorea elegans</i> Martius	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>C. aff. neurochlamys</i> Burret	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
<i>C. nubium</i> Standley et Steyermark	.	●	.	.	●	●	.	.
<i>Chamaedorea</i> sp.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Geonoma seleri</i> Burret	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Poaceae</b>								
<i>Aegopogon cenchroides</i> H. et B. ex Willd.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Andropogon glomeratus</i> (Walt.) B.S.P.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
<i>Chusquea</i> sp.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cynodon nemfuensis</i> Vanderyst	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>Isachne arundinacea</i> (Sw.) Griseb.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Laciocis nigra</i> Davidse	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>L. procerrima</i> (Hackel) Hitchc.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Pennisetum purpureum</i> Schum.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
<i>Sporobolus indicus</i> (L.) R. Br.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<b>Zingiberaceae</b>								
<i>Costus spicatus</i> D. Don	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
<i>Renealmia mexicana</i> Klotzsch ex Peterson	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.