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The genus Weingartia

Populations with a LB number (III)

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In the previous episode (*Succulenta* 2020, 99 (2): 84-88) the beginning of the findings of *Weingartia* made during the study trip in 2005 was presented. Here is the continuation of what was found during this trip.

LB 2943 - *W. westii*

I had already visited this site on a previous trip to Bolivia in 2002. The plants were then given the field number LB 2448. The exact coordinates can now be determined: 20° 29.159'S 65° 08.600'W.



LB 2945 - *W. westii*

A variety of cactus species, including this weingartia, have been found on the walls of a small gorge, but also above it, located near the bridge over the Rio Honda. Coordinates 20°24.425'S 65° 06.997'W, altitude 3260 m. The bridge - the old one has now been replaced by a modern one - evokes moved thoughts, for it was here that on November 5, 1994, cactus lovers Erwin Herzog and Michael Haude met a gruesome death.



LB 2951 - *W. westii*

We stopped to look for cacti in a flat, stony terrain with remarkably low vegetation, about 3 km south of Padcoyo. It was noted that in addition to this *W. westii*, only *Maihueniopsis glomerata* was found. Weingartias from this region are also sold under the name *W. lecoriensis*. Coordinates 20°15.608'S 65°08.653'W, altitude 3400 m.



LB 2953 - *W. westii*

We stopped again just 1 km further north. Field hadn't changed much, but he still invited us to prospect. Of course the same form of weingartia as in the previous research site, but we also found *Lobivia cinnabarina* and *Cintia knizeii*. Coordinates 20°15.162'S 65°08.738'W, altitude 3380 m.



LB 2957

According to our travel journal 6 km west of Padcoyo, still on the RN 1, these plants were found on a stony hill (the term hill is rather relative here, because we are at an altitude of 3580 m) accompanied of a parodia. Coordinates 20°13.43S 65°12.130W



LB 2959 - *W. neocumingii* fa.

Interesting sites, already visited, retain their attractiveness. This also applies to the Pampa Soico trail, which was already fascinating in 2002. The field number then was LB 2467. For the sake of completeness, the coordinates are again: 19°26.316'S 65°11.633'W.



LB 2971

From Sucre, the official capital of Bolivia, the RN 6 leads to Tarabuco, a tourist attraction. Beyond Yamparaez, a side road leads to Sotomayor passing through a village once called Sauce Pampa, but now called Khota. In a side valley of Rio Khata Mayu, in the middle of the village, grow on the steep rock face a weingartia, *Parodia multicostata* and a stray gymnocalycium. The GPS indicates: 19°14.244'S 65°02.120'W and an altitude of 2570 m.



LB 2980

This last weingartia site of the 2005 trip is located 2.5 km south of Icla on the road to Choromomo. Here also grow gymnos and echinopsis. Coordinates 19°22.793'S 64°48.186W, altitude 2448 m.

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