

The genus Weingartia

Populations with a field number LB (V)

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Weingartia cintiensis LB 3538, found along the road from Impora to Puente Arce, has already been featured in the previous episode. Before arriving at Camargo, we find another population of weingartia.

LB 3540 - *W. cintiensis*

Neither the appearance of the plants nor the growing conditions differ from those of LB 3538. The site is located 3 kilometers further north.



The distillery near the bridge.

LB 3544 - *W. cintiensis*

After a night in "our" Cruz Huasi hostel in Camargo, the journey continues in the Culpi-na basin. On the slopes, 2 km after the Palca Grande bridge over the Rio San Juan, in front of the distillery, in addition to this *W. cintiensis*, there are also *Lobivia lateritia* and *Parodia roseoalba* var. *australis*.



LB 3545 - *W. cintiensis*

Barely 2 km further, but the site is too beautiful not to stop.



LB 3552 - *W. westii*

3 km after the village of San Pedro de Concepcion, there is no more *W. cintiensis*, but the place is occupied by *W. westii*. We note *Parodia*, *Cleistocactus*, *Lobivia* and *Oreocereus* as other genera of cacti.



LB 3555 - *W. westii*

Before reaching the flat terrain of the Culpina Basin, we turn to this site, 9 km after San Pedro de Concepcion. More or less the same site as *W. westii* LB 2925.



LB 3590 - *W. westii*

From Ruta 5 east of Betanzos, a road leads to Khalapaya (and further to Turuchipa). After 30 km you arrive at the “iron” bridge (now replaced by a modern bridge). About 5 km after this bridge there are slopes with rocks, between which is *W. westii*.



Lobivia cinnabarina with *W. westii* LB 3592



Habitat of LB 3590.

LB 3592 - *W. westii*

Continuing the road towards Khalapaya, about 1.5 km northwest of it, we find rich cactus vegetation on a sloping gravelly hill. In addition to *W. westii*, also grow here *Lobivia cinnabarina* (LB 3591) and *Echinopsis krahni-juckeri* (LB 3594).



LB 3595 - *W. neocumingii* aff.

On a hill near the Otuyo exit on Ruta 5. According to Google Earth, the coordinates are 29°19'S 65°12.9'W and the elevation is 2650 m.



LB 3598 - *W. neocumingii* aff.

For the third time, I visit the hillside near Pampa Soico. The earliest field numbers for these weingartias were LB 2467 and 2959. In addition, *Gymnocalycium pflanzii* subsp. *dorisiae* (LB 3597, better known as *G. millaresii*) and *Echinopsis millarensis* (LB 3599).

To be continued.



Gymnocalycium pflanzii* subsp. *dorisiae



Echinopsis millarensis

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