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Plate 1. *Pinguicula lignicola*, epiphytic on *Buxus* in the Sierra de Moa, Prov. Holguín, Cuba. – Photo: H. Dietrich.

Summary

In the Greater Antilles, there are 15 species of the insectivorous genus *Pinguicula* L. (*Lentibulariaceae*). This work discusses their taxonomy, ecology and biogeography. Fourteen species are native to Cuba and one to Hispaniola. In Cuba, the genus is found in three regions: Pinar del Río and Isla de la Juventud (three species), Cienfuegos (two species) and the former province of Oriente (nine species). Three new species are described: *P. baezensis* Casper, *P. moaensis* Casper and *P. orthoceras* Casper. The taxonomic status of *P. benedicta*, frequently mentioned in botanical literature, is discussed. Two truly epiphytic species, *P. casabitoana* (Hispaniola) and *P. lignicola* (eastern Cuba), as well as the ‘bird-lime-twig-leaved’ (‘leimrutenblättrige’) *P. filifolia* (western Cuba), are of particular biological interest. *Pinguicula* is a relatively recent member of the Greater Antillean flora, the genus probably having arrived prior to the end of the Pliocene (c. 3.7 mya) and diversified when the Panamanian land bridge was formed (2.5–2.3 mya). Combining floral morphology and phytogeographical data, two main radiations can be distinguished: (1) taxa with indistinctly 2-lipped, subisolobate corollas (e.g. *P. albida*, *P. baezensis*, *P. casabitoana*, *P. filifolia*, *P. jackii* and *P. lithophytica*), occupying all three Cuban distribution centres and Hispaniola; and (2) taxa of the *Pinguicula benedicta* species group with distinctly 2-lipped, unequal to subequal lobed corollas that are restricted to a limited area of eastern Cuba.

Key words: biogeography, chromosomes, Cuba, Greater Antilles, Hispaniola, *Lentibulariaceae*, morphology, new species, *Pinguicula*, *Pinguicula baezensis*, *Pinguicula moaensis*, *Pinguicula orthoceras*, taxonomy

Abbreviations

<i>2n</i>	diploid chromosome number
a.s.l.	above sea level
BGJ	Botanical Garden Jena
BW-film	black and white film
C-film	colour film
DBJ	photo library at the Institute of Systematic Botany of the University Jena
E	equatorial diameter of pollen grain
Fig.	figure (a distribution map in the present study)
fig., figs.	figure, figures (in other works)
HFC	Herbarium Flora de Cuba (not to be confused with the Index Herbariorum code ‘HFC’ for the Herbário Fernando Cardoso da Silva in Colombo, Brazil)
kya	thousand years ago
mun.	‘municipio’, municipality
mya	million years ago
<i>n</i>	haploid chromosome number
P	polar axis of pollen grain
pl., pls.	plate, plates
prov.	‘provincia’, province
SEM	Scanning Electron Microscopy
<i>s.n.</i>	‘sine numero’, without number
<i>x</i>	base number of chromosome set