A NEW SPECIES OF PERYMENIUM (ASTERACEAE, HELIANTHEAE) FROM JALISCO, MEXICO

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ABSTRACT

A new species of *Perymenium*, P. huentitanum B.L. Turner, is described and illustrated from near Guadalajara, Jalisco, México. It is believed to be closely related to a cluster of recently described suffruticose herbs of northeastern México, namely *P. hintoniorum* B.L. Turner and *P. tamaulipense* B.L. Turner.

KEY WORDS: Asteraceae, Heliantheae, Perymenium, México, Jalisco

Routine identification of Mexican Asteraceae has revealed the following novelty.

Perymenium huentitanum B.L. Turner, sp. nov., Figure 1. TYPE: MEXICO. Jalisco: Mpio. Guadalajara, Barranca de Huentitán, ca. 492 m, 31 Aug 1992, S. Guerrero A. & G. Perea G. 411 (HOLOTYPE: TEX!; Isotype: IGE).

Perymenio tamaulipensi B.L. Turner similis sed capitulis anguste campanulatis (vs. hemisphaericis), involucri bracteis interioribus flavi-scariosis apicibus acutis (vs. viridibus apicibus rotundatis), et flosculis radii 5-6 (vs. 10-11) differt.

Mostly unbranched stiffly erect suffruticose herbs 1 m high. Stems terete, moderately strigose with upturned hairs. Leaves mostly 8-14 cm long, 3-5 cm wide; petioles 0.5-1.0 cm long; blades ovate, thin, drying black, 3-nervate from the base or nearly so, moderately hispid-pilose beneath, the margins serrate with 10-15 serrations to a side, the apices narrowly acute. Heads 7-9, terminal

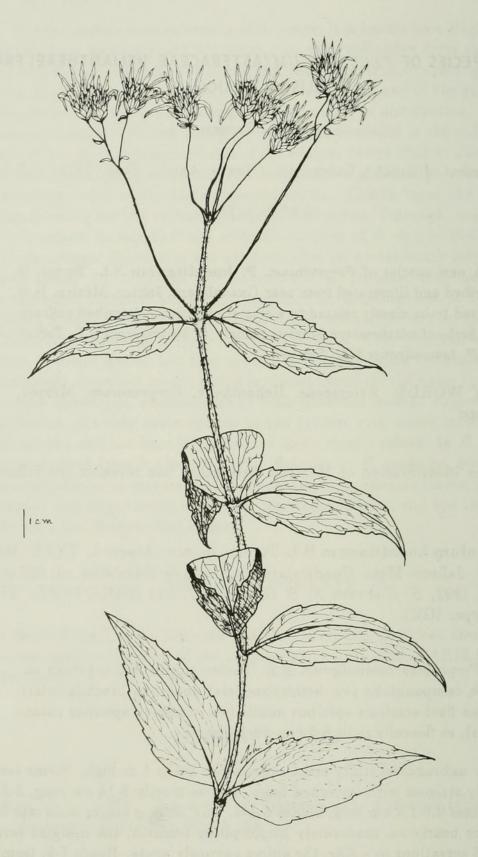


Figure 1. Perymenium huentitanum B.L. Turner, from holotype.

in subfasciculate terminal cymes, the ultimate peduncles mostly 1-5 cm long. Involucres campanulate, 7-8 mm high, 4-6 mm wide (pressed), the bracts 3-4 seriate, graduate, the inner bracts yellow-scarious with acute ciliate margins, these grading into the yellow linear-lanceolate persistent pales. Receptacles convex, ca. 2 mm across. Ray florets 5 or 6, pistillate, fertile, the corollas with yellow ligules 10-12 mm long, 1.5-2.5 mm wide, the apices bifid. Disk florets 12-20 per head, the corollas glabrous or nearly so, ca. 6 mm long, the tube ca. 1.5 mm long, the lobes ca. 1.5 mm long. Achenes (immature) wingless, 3.0-3.5 mm long, hispidulous, with a well defined boss off of which arise a pappus of 20-30 deciduous bristles 1-3 mm long, the shoulders of the body with 2 persistent hispid awns 0.5-1.0 mm long.

This species will not key in McVaugh's (1984) account of Perymenium for his Flora Novo-Galiciana, nor is it accounted for in Fay's (1978) revision of the genus, where it will key to or near P. hintonii McVaugh of Michoacán and México, the latter having spheroid heads with involucral bracts rounded apically and more numerous florets. Perymenium huentitanum appears closest to a series of recently described taxa from northeastern México, namely P. tamaulipense B.L. Turner and P. hintoniorum B.L. Turner, having the habit, rounded stems, capitulescence, and involucral characters of these. It differs from both in having narrowly campanulate involucres, the inner bracts yellow-scarious with acute apices.

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