

New combinations in subtribe Elleanthinae (Orchidaceae, Epidandroideae)^a

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Abstract

In 1995 Szlachetko described subtribe Elleanthinae (Elleantheae, Epidandroideae) which embraced three genera: *Epilyna* Schlechter, *Elleanthus* C.Presl and *Sertifera* Lindley & Reichenbach f., *Elleanthus* being the largest and morphologically most diversified genus within the subtribe. In the present paper we propose to transfer a number of species formerly considered to be part of *Elleanthus* to the genera *Adeneleuterophora* Barbosa Rodrigues, *Epilyna* and *Evelyna* Poeppig & Endlicher. In total, nine new combinations of *Adeneleuterophora* and six new combinations of *Evelyna* are validated.

Résumé

Nouvelles combinaisons dans la sous-tribu Elleanthinae (Orchidaceae, Epidandroideae) – En 1995, Szlachetko décrivit la sous-tribu Elleanthinae (Elleantheae, Epidandroideae), qui comprenait alors trois genres : *Epilyna* Schlechter, *Elleanthus* C.Presl et *Sertifera* Lindley & Reichenbach f., *Elleanthus* étant le genre le plus vaste et le plus diversifié sur le plan morphologique, dans la sous-tribu. Dans le présent article, nous proposons le transfert d'un certain nombre d'espèces précédemment considérées comme appartenant au genre *Elleanthus* dans les genres *Adeneleuterophora* Barbosa Rodrigues, *Epilyna* et *Evelyna* Poeppig & Endlicher. Au total ce sont neuf combinaisons nouvelles de *Adeneleuterophora* et six de *Evelyna* qui sont validées.

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Introduction

Elleanthus C.Presl was described in 1827. It is the largest and morphologically most diversified genus within subtribe Elleanthinae Szlachetko. Until now nearly 150 taxa have been described at the species level within the genus, but hitherto, its systematics remained unsatisfactory. *Elleanthus* has been considered to be monophyletic by Pridgeon *et al.* (2005) but as a polyphyletic entity by Szlachetko (1995, 2002). *Evelyna* was described by Poeppig and Endlicher in 1836. And hitherto, most taxonomists have considered this genus to be the same as *Elleanthus*, and therefore as a synonym of the latter (Dressler, 1981; 1993; Burns-Balogh & Funck, 1986; Pridgeon *et al.*, 2005).

The genus *Epilyna* Schlechter which combines features of *Elleanthus* and *Epidendrum* is accepted as a distinct entity only by few researchers (Dressler, 1981; 1993; Szlachetko, 1995; 2002). Species of *Epilyna* are characterized by conduplicate leaves, a characteristic shared with *Elleanthus* sect. *Chloidelyna* (Reichenbach f.) Garay and *E. muscicola* Schlechter. On the basis of this shared characteristic and their interpretation of molecular data, Pridgeon *et al.* (2005) consider *Epilyna* to be part of *Elleanthus*.

Elleanthus embraces species from Mesoamerica as well as from the northern part of South America, particularly from the Ecuadorian Andes. Although 180 years have passed since the original description of *Elleanthus*, no complete revision of the genus has hitherto been published, and only two partial treatments of *Elleanthus*, discussing merely the Ecuadorian species of the genus, are known (Garay, 1978; Dodson, 1998).

During a revision of herbarium material of *Elleanthus* species, transferring some of the taxa to the genera *Adeneleuterophora* Barbosa Rodrigues, *Epilyna* and *Evelyna* Poeppig & Endlicher appeared to be necessary. For that reason we propose a key to the various genera of subtribe Elleanthinae.

Key to the genera of subtribe Elleanthinae

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Leaves plicate | 2 |
| 1a Leaves conduplicate | 4 |
| 2 Inflorescence lateral | <i>Sertifera</i> |
| 2a Inflorescence terminal | 3 |

- 3 Inflorescence capitate *Evelyna*
 3a Inflorescence racemose *Elleanthus*
- 4 Leaves linear, grass-like *Adeneleuterophora*
 4a Leaves elliptic to obovate, not grass-like *Epilyna*

1. *Adeneleuterophora* Barbosa Rodrigues

Genera et Species Orchidearum Novarum 2: 171 (1881)

GENERITYPE (designated here): *Adeneleuterophora graminifolia* Barbosa Rodrigues

Synonymy: *Evelyna* subsect. *Chloidelyna* Reichenbach f., *Botanische Zeitung* (Berlin) 10: 709 (1852) [cfr. Garay, *Botanical Museum Leaflets Harvard Univ.* 26(1): 13 (1978)]

Elleanthus subsect. *Chloidelyna* (Reichenbach f.) Reichenbach f., *Annales Botanices Systematicae* 6: 476 (1862) [cfr. Garay, *Botanical Museum Leaflets Harvard Univ.* 26(1): 13 (1978)]

Elleanthus sect. *Chloidelyna* (Reichenbach f.) Garay, *Botanical Museum Leaflets Harvard Univ.* 26(1): 13 (1978)

Because Barbosa Rodrigues did not propose type species for his genus we designate it above selecting the only original Rodrigues' *Adeneleuterophora* species.

Plants caespitose. Stem elongate, very delicate, almost filiform. Leaves distichous, linear or grass-like, conduplicate, non plicate, unequally 3-dentate at the apex, with the middle tooth being the longest. Inflorescence terminal, spicate, many-flowered, rather dense to lax, laterally compressed, flowers distichous. Floral bracts more or less imbricating the flowers. Flowers discolored, usually white or whitish, covered more or less by soft, brownish hairs outside. Base of the lip subglobose, didymous, saccate; calli free, inserted basally or centrally in cavity. Gynostemium angulate, semiterete.

The most characteristic features of the genus are the very slender, delicate habit and the narrow, linear, conduplicate leaves with unequally 3-dentate apex.

These calli at the base, calli connex (in quae est), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 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Adeneleuterophora embraces ten species known from the southern part of Mesoamerica, the Antilles and the central and northern parts of South America.

Adeneleuterophora corididactyla (Ackerman) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus corididactylus* Ackerman, *Lindleyana* 2(2): 122 (1987)

TYPE: Puerto Rico, Rio Grande: Quebrada Grande, J. D. Ackerman 1843 (Holotype: SEL, Isotype: JDA).

Adeneleuterophora fractiflexa (Schlechter) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus fractiflexus* Schlechter, *Repertorium Specierum Novarum Regni Vegetabilis Beihefte* 8: 35 (1921)

TYPE: Ecuador, Pichincha, Sodiro 35 (BR).

Synonym: *Elleanthus tenellus* L.O. Williams, *Lilloa* 6: 241 (1941)

TYPE (designated here): Colombia, Cauca, Lehmann 2908 (Lectotype: W-R!, Isolectotype: US!).

Adeneleuterophora graminifolia Barbosa Rodrigues

Genera et Species Orchidearum Novarum 2: 170 (1881)

TYPE: Brazil, Minas Gerais, Rio Parahybuna, Barbosa Rodriguez s.n. [Lectotype: AMES - original watercolor - designated by Lojtnant, *Botaniska Notiser* 129: 447 (1977)]

Elleanthus graminifolius (Barbosa Rodrigues) Lojtnant, *Botaniska Notiser* 129(4): 447 (1976)

Adeneleuterophora isochiloides (Lojtnant) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus isochiloides* Lojtnant, *Botaniska Notiser* 129: 450, fig. 5 (1976)

TYPE: Ecuador, Cotopaxi, Holm-Nielsen et al. 2947 (Holotype: AAU!, Isotype: AMES).

Adeneleuterophora ligularis (Dressler) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus ligularis* Dressler, *Lankesteriana* 7(3): 539-542 (2007)

TYPE: Costa Rica, Cartago: Jiménez, Pejivalle, La Marta, F. Pupulin et al. 6360, (Holotype: CR, Isotype: JBL - spirit).

Adeneleuterophora linifolia (C.Presl) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus linifolius* C.Presl, Reliquiae Haenkeanae 97 (1827)

TYPE: Peru, Haenke s.n (PR).

Isochilus linifolium (C.Presl) Lindley, Genera and Species Orchidaceous Plants: 113 (1831)

Synonym: *Evelyna graminifolia* Poeppig & Endlicher, Nova Genera ac Species Plantarum 1: 33 (1836)

TYPE (designated here): Peru, Pampayacu, Poepping 1641 (LECTOTYPE: W!).

Adeneleuterophora poiformis (Schlechter) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus poiformis* Schlechter, Repertorium Specierum Novarum Regni Vegetabilis Beihefte 19: 164 (1923)

TYPE: Costa Rica, Alajuela, A.M. Brenes 166 (B-destroyed, Lectotype: CR, Isolectotype: F-photo - designated by Barringer, Fieldiana, Bot. 17: 6. 1986).

Adeneleuterophora stolonifer (K. Barringer) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus stolonifer* K. Barringer, Brittonia 37: 287-288, fig. (1985)

TYPE: Panama, Chiriquí, Hammel 2280 (Holotype: MO).

Adeneleuterophora tillandsioides (K. Barringer) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus tillandsioides* K. Barringer, Brittonia 37: 288-290, fig. (1985)

TYPE: Costa Rica, Puntarenas, Williams 24236 (Holotype: F, Isotype: CR).

2. *Epilyna* Schlechter

Beihefte zum Botanischen Centralblatt, Abt.2, Systematik 36(2): 374 (1918)

GENERTYPE: *Epilyna jimenezii* Schlechter [designated by Pridgeon et al., Genera Orchidacearum 4(1): 598 (2005)].

Plants small. Leaves arranged along the entire length of the stem, distichous, elliptic-ovate, rounded at the apex, conduplicate, persistent. Inflorescence terminal, few- to many-flowered. Rachis straight. Floral bracts imbricating, scarious, slightly longer than flowers. Flowers non-resupinate. Sepals furfuraceous. Lip broadly flabellate, denticulate along apical margins, with subglobose calli at the base; calli connected to the lip margins. Gynostemium short, massive.

This genus from Costa Rica, Panama and Ecuador is readily distinguishable by an unique habit and persistent, conduplicate leaves.

Epilyna embreei Dodson

Orquideologia 19(2): 146 (1994)

TYPE: Ecuador, Zamora-Chinchipe, Hirtz 3801 (Holotype: RPSC).

Epilyna hirtzii Dodson

Icones Plantarum Tropicanum, ser. 2 5: pl. 493 (1989)

TYPE: Ecuador, Napo, Hirtz 2119 (Holotype: MO)

Epilyna jimenezii Schlechter

Beihefte zum Botanischen Centralblatt, Abt.2, Systematik 36(2): 375 (1918)

TYPE: Costa Rica, La Palma, C. Wercklé 670 (Type: CR).

Elleanthus jimenezii (Schlechter) C. Schweinfurth, *Botanical Museum Leaflets Harvard Univ.* 5(2): 38 (1937)

Synonym: *Elleanthus muscicola* Schlechter, *Repertorium Specierum Novarum Regni Vegetabilis Beihefte* 19: 10 (1923)

TYPE: Costa Rica, C. Wercklé 143 (B†).

3. *Evelyna Poeppig & Endlicher*

Nova Genera ac Species Plantarum 1: 32 (1836)

GENERITYPE: *Evelyna capitata* Poeppig & Endlicher [designated by Dressler in Pridgeon et al., *Genera Orchidacearum* 4(1): 598 (2005)].

Synonym: *Elleanthus* subsect. *Evelyna* (Poeppig & Endlicher) Reichenbach f., *Annales Botanices Systematicae* 6: 474 (1862)

Plants medium-sized to large, generally entirely glabrous. Stem erect, rather stout. Leaves spirally arranged, lanceolate, oblong lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, stiff, plicate; sheaths tightly adnate to the stem. Inflorescence terminal, capitate; rachis shortened into a tightly packed, subglobose head, surrounded by a rosette of sterile bracts. Basal floral bracts much longer than apical ones; the apical bracts as long as the flowers. Flowers pink, purple or pink-red. Lip fimbriate to irregularly denticulate, shallowly notched at the apex, saccate at the base; calli free,

inserted basally into the cavity touching each other. Gynostemium with a prominent, infrastigmatic protuberance.

The most distinguishable characteristics of this genus are a capitate inflorescence with a distinctly shortened rachis supported basally by large sterile bracts that generally are longer than the inflorescence, and an unique gynostemium that shows a protuberance just below the stigmatic cavity.

Evelyna embraces fifteen species from Costa Rica to Brasil.

Evelyna brasiliensis Lindley

The London journal of botany 2: 661 (1843)

TYPE (designated here): Brazil, Organ Mountains, Gardner 642 (Lectotype: K-L!).

Elleanthus brasiliensis (Lindley) Reichenbach f., *Annales Botanices Systematicae* 6: 475 (1862)

Evelyna capitata Poeppig & Endlicher

Nova Genera ac Species Plantarum 1: 32 (1836)

TYPE (designated here): Peru, Poeppig s.n (Lectotype: W!, Isolectotype: K-drawing!).

Elleanthus capitatus (Poeppig & Endlicher) Reichenbach f., *Annales Botanices Systematicae* 6: 475 (1862)

Synonyms: *Evelyna cynarocephala* Reichenbach f., *Bonplandia* (Hanover) 4(14): 216 (1856)

TYPE (designated here): Peru, Pavon s. n. (Lectotype: W!, Isolectotype: K-drawing!).

Elleanthus cynarocephalus (Reichenbach f.) Reichenbach f., *Annales Botanices Systematicae* 6: 476 (1862)

Evelyna casapensis Reichenbach f.

Botanische Zeitung (Berlin) 10: 709 (1852)

TYPE (designated here): Peru, Casapi, Matthews 1891 (Lectotype: W!).

Elleanthus casapensis (Reichenbach f.) Reichenbach f., *Annales Botanices Systematicae* 6: 475 (1862)

Evelyna cephalophora Reichenbach f.

Botanische Zeitung (Berlin) 10: 709 (1852)

TYPE (designated here): Peru, Poeppig 1638 (Lectotype: W!).

Elleanthus cephalophorus (Reichenbach f.) Reichenbach f., *Annales Botanices Systematicae* 6: 476 (1862)

Evelyna cephalotus (Garay & Sweet) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus cephalotus* Garay & Sweet, *Journal of the Arnold Arboretum* 53: 390 (1972), based on *Bletia capitata* R. Brown, *Hortus Kewensis* ed. 2, 5: 206 (1813)

TYPE (designated here): West Indies, probably Jamaica, Sir Joseph Banks s. n. (Lectotype: BM!), non *Elleanthus capitatus* (R. Brown) Reichenbach f. ex Cogniaux, Urban, *Symbolae Antillanae* 6: 561 (1910), nom illeg.

Evelyna glomera (Garay) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus glomera* Garay, *Botanical Museum Leaflets Harvard Univ.* 26(1): 10 (1978), based on *Glomera brasiliensis* Barbosa Rodrigues, *Genera et Species Orchidearum Novarum* 1: 147 (1877)

TYPE: Brazil, Prov. San Paulo, Mosén 3485 (S).

Evelyna hookeriana Barbosa Rodrigues

Genera et Species Orchidearum Novarum 2: 166 (1877)

TYPE: Brazil, Prov. Rio de Janerio, Serra d'Estrella, *Barbosa Rodrigues* s.n. (Rodrigues's original drawing in the Library of the Orchid Herbarium of Oakes Ames).

Elleanthus brasiliensis var. *hookerianus* (Barbosa Rodrigues) Cogniaux, *Flora Brasiliensis* 3(5): 327 (1901)

Elleanthus hookerianus (Barbosa Rodrigues) Garay, *Botanical Museum Leaflets Harvard Univ.* 26(1): 10 (1978)

Evelyna killipii (Garay) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus killipii* Garay, *Botanical Museum Leaflets Harvard Univ.* 26(1): 11 (1978)

TYPE: Colombia, El Valle, Buenaventura, Killip 11760 (Holotype: AMES, Isotype: K-drawing!).

Evelyna sodiroi (Schlechter) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus sodiroi* Schlechter, *Repertorium Specierum Novarum Regni Vegetabilis* 14: 387 (1916)

TYPES: Ecuador, Pichincha, near Quito, Sodiro 38 (BR, QPLS).

Evelyna sphaerocephala (Schlechter) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus sphaerocephalus* Schlechter, *Repertorium Specierum Novarum Regni Vegetabilis Beihefte* 27: 17 (1924)

TYPE: Colombia, Narino, Hopp 33 (B†).

Evelyna zamorensis (Garay) Dudek & Szlachetko, comb. nov.

Basionym: *Elleanthus zamorensis* Garay, *Flora of Ecuador, Orchid.* 9: 109 (1978)

TYPE: Ecuador, Zamora-Chinchipe, Camp E-22 (Holotype: AMES, Isotypes: NY, S).

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Introduction

Elleanthus C.Presl a été décrit en 1827. C'est le genre le plus vaste et le plus diversifié sur le plan morphologique de la sous-tribu *Elleanthinae* Szlachetko. A ce jour près de 150 taxons ont été décrits au rang d'espèce dans le genre, mais, jusqu'ici, sa systématique reste insatisfaisante. *Elleanthus* est considéré comme monophylétique par Pridgeon *et al.* (2005) mais comme polyphylétique par Szlachetko (1995 ; 2002).

Evelyna a été décrit par Poeppig & Endlicher en 1836. Jusqu'ici, la plupart des taxinomistes ont traité ce genre comme un synonyme de *Elleanthus* (Dressler, 1981 ; 1993 ; Burns-Balogh & Funck, 1986 ; Pridgeon *et al.*, 2005). Le genre *Epilyna* Schlechter qui combine des traits de *Elleanthus* et de *Epidendrum* n'est accepté en tant qu'entité distincte que par un petit nombre de chercheurs (Dressler, 1981 ; 1993 ; Szlachetko, 1995 ; 2002). Les espèces de *Epilyna* sont caractérisées par des feuilles condupliquées, caractère partagé avec *Elleanthus* sect. *Chloidelyna* (Reichenbach f.) Garay et *E. muscicola* Schlechter. Sur la base de ce caractère partagé et de leur interprétation des données moléculaires, Pridgeon *et al.* (2005) considèrent que *Epilyna* fait partie de *Elleanthus*.

Elleanthus comprend des espèces d'Amérique Centrale aussi bien que du nord de l'Amérique du Sud, notamment des Andes équatoriennes. Bien que 180 ans se soient écoulés depuis la description originale du genre, aucune révision complète n'en a à ce jour été publiée et l'on ne connaît que deux traitements partiels de *Elleanthus* (Garay, 1978 ; Dodson, 1998), qui ne discutent que des espèces équatoriennes.

Au cours de la révision du matériel d'herbier des espèces de *Elleanthus*, le transfert de certains taxons dans les genres *Adeneleuteropora* Barbosa Rodrigues, *Epilyna* et *Evelyna* Poeppig & Endlicher est apparu nécessaire.

C'est la raison pour laquelle nous proposons ci-dessous une clé d'identification des divers genres de la sous-tribu Elleanthinae.

Clé des genres de la sous-tribu Elleanthinae

- 1 Feuilles plissées 2
- 1a Feuilles condupliquées 4
- 2 Inflorescence latérale *Sertifera*
- 2a Inflorescence terminale 3
- 3 Inflorescence capitée *Evelyna*
- 3a Inflorescence en racème *Elleanthus*
- 4 Feuilles linéaires, pareilles à l'herbe *Adeneleuterophora*
- 4a Feuilles elliptiques à obovales, ne ressemblant pas à l'herbe *Epilyna*

1. *Adeneleuterophora* Barbosa Rodrigues

Barbosa Rodrigues n'ayant pas proposé d'espèce type pour son genre, nous la désignons ici en choisissant la seule espèce originale de *Adeneleuterophora* de Rodrigues.

Plantes cespiteuses. Tige allongée, très délicate, presque filiforme. Feuilles distiques, linéaires, condupliquées, non plissées, inégalement tri-dentées à l'apex, la dent médiane étant la plus longue. Inflorescence terminale, en épi, multiflore, de assez dense à lâche, latéralement compressée, fleurs distiques. Bractées florales recouvrant plus ou moins les fleurs. Fleurs généralement blanches ou blanchâtres, plus ou moins couvertes extérieurement de poils brunâtres. Base du labelle sub-globuleuse, didyme, en sac, cals libres, insérés à la base ou au centre de la cavité. Gynostème anguleux, semi-cylindrique.

Les traits les plus caractéristiques du genre sont le port très svelte et délicat et les feuilles étroites, linéaires, condupliquées avec un apex inégalement tridenté.

Adeneleuterophora comprend dix espèces connues du sud de l'Amérique Centrale, des Antilles et des régions centrales et septentrionales de l'Amérique du Sud.

2. *Epilyna* Schlechter

Plantes petites. Feuilles disposées tout le long de la tige, distiques, elliptiques-ovales, arrondies à l'apex, condupliquées, persistantes. Inflorescence terminale, pauci- à multi-flore. Rachis droit. Bractées florales imbriquées, scarieuses, légèrement plus longues que les fleurs. Fleurs non résupinées. Sépales furfuracés. Labelle largement flabellé, denticulé le long des marges apicales, avec des cals sub-globuleux à la base. Cals connectés aux marges du labelle. Gynostème court, massif.

Ce genre, originaire du Costa Rica, de Panama et d'Equateur, est aisément distinguable par son port unique et ses feuilles persistantes, condupliquées.

3. *Evelyna Poeppig & Endlicher*

Plantes de taille moyenne à grande, généralement entièrement glabres. Tige dressée, assez robuste. Feuilles disposées en spirale, lancéolées, oblongues-lancéolées à ovales-lancéolées, acuminées, rigides, plissées. Gaines adnées à la tige de manière serrée. Inflorescence terminale, capitée, rachis raccourci en une tête sub-globuleuse serrée, entourée d'une rosette de bractées stériles. Bractées florales basales beaucoup plus longues que les apicales ; bractées apicales aussi longues que les fleurs. Fleurs roses, pourpres ou rose-rouge. Labelle fimbrié à irrégulièrement denticulé, superficiellement encoché à l'apex, en sac à la base ; cals libres, insérés à la base dans la cavité, se touchant l'un l'autre. Gynostème avec une protubérance infrastigmatique proéminente.

Les caractères les plus remarquables de ce genre sont l'inflorescence capitée avec un rachis nettement raccourci supporté à la base par des bractées stériles qui sont généralement plus longues que l'inflorescence et le gynostème unique, qui montre une protubérance juste au-dessous de la cavité stigmatique.

Evelyna comprend quinze espèces originaires d'une zone allant du Costa Rica au Brésil.

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