

A NOTEWORTHY COLLECTION OF
ANDIRA GALEOTTIANA

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Among other plants recently sent from the Botanical Museum to Dr. Paul C. Standley for study, there was a specimen of the rare *Andira Galeottiana* belonging to the Leguminosae.

Andira Galeottiana Standley in Contrib. U.S. Nat. Herb. 20 (1919) 217.

MEXICO: Oaxaca, District of Choapam, San Juan Lalana, long. $95^{\circ}45'$, lat. $17^{\circ}25'$, alt. 600 m., May 10, 1939, *Schultes & Reko 852* (Econ. Herb. Oakes Ames No. 8980; Herb. Gray; Herb. Field Mus. Nat. Hist.).

The type of *Andira Galeottiana*, an endemic of the District of Choapam (Oaxaca) and adjacent parts of Vera Cruz, was collected in Catemaco, Vera Cruz (*Nelson 424*). A second collection was cited in the type description as "collected at Lalana (Chinantla) Puebla, July, 1844, by H. Galeotti (no. 3464)". This citation should be corrected to read: "Lalana (Chinantla), Oaxaca . . ." *Andira Galeottiana* has not been collected in Puebla so far as herbarium records indicate.

Schultes & Reko 852 was collected in San Juan Lalana, the same village where Galeotti, nearly a century ago, found the cotype. It is apparently the third collection of this tree.

In Lalana, *Andira Galeottiana* is called by the Chinantec name *mo-dzaw* and by the Zapotec name *gia-bia*. In 1844, Galeotti recorded the Spanish vernacular name as *macayo*, and in 1939, Reko and I found the same name still in use for this plant. The species is abundant in Lalana where its profusion of rose-purple panicles is very conspicuous on the hillsides in May and June.