



## *Columnea karstenianum* R.Kr.Singh, a new name of *C. picta* H.Karst. (Gesneriaceae)

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The Neotropical genus *Columnea* Plum. ex L. (Linnaeus 1753: 638) consists of about 214 species, distributed in Mexico to Tropical America and constitutes the largest genus in subfamily Gesnerioideae, family Gesneriaceae (Schulte *et al.* 2014, Clark *et al.* 2021, POWO 2023). In the Republic of Colombia, the genus is represented by 100 species, of which 37 are endemic (<http://catalogoplantasdecolombia.unal.edu.co>, POWO 2023). Recently with the phylogenetic evidences the genus *Dalbergaria* Tussac (1808: 141) has also been merged with *Columnea* (Schulte *et al.* 2014, Clark *et al.* 2021). Karsten (1865) described two species, *Columnea labellosa* H.Karst. (Karsten 1865: 105) and *C. picta* H.Karst. (Karsten 1865: 105) from Colombia. The latter name is illegitimate, as it is a later homonym of *C. picta* (Lemaire) Lemaire ex Hanstein (1864: 422) according to Article 53.1 in Turland *et al.* (2018). Although, it was validly transferred to *Dalbergaria* by Wiehler (1973: 318), following recent circumscription of *Columnea* a new, replacement name is proposed here.

*Columnea karstenianum* R.Kr.Singh, *nom. nov.*

*Columnea picta* H.Karst. (Karsten 1865: 105, t. 154), *nom. illeg., non* (Lemaire) Lemaire ex Hanstein (1864: 422).

≡ *Dalbergaria picta* (H.Karst) Wiehler (1973: 318).

Holotype: Colombia. Quindio, without date, *G.K.W.H. Karsten s.n.* (W0050225, digital image!).

Etymology: Named after G.K.W.H. Karsten for his valuable contributions to the flora of Colombia.

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