

# The Genus *Heliconia* Linnaeus in Photos



The species are organized according to “Preliminary classification of *Heliconia* based on Kress (1984), 1990a, b, unpubl.) and Andersson (1985a,b, 1992)” in *The Heliconia Society Bulletin* 7 (1/2): 5-6, November 1994. The photos were taken by Ray Baker, Eleanore Burson, Suzan Harada, Robert Hirano, Sharon Ishikawa, Masuo Moriwaki, and Ken Nagata. Nativity was taken mostly from Berry, F. & W.J. Kress (1991) *Heliconia - an Identification Guide*, and Kress, W.J., J. Betancur, & B. Echeverry (1999) *Heliconias - Llamradas de la selva colombiana*.

***Heliconia* L. Subgenus *Heliconia* Section *Heliconia***



***H. aurea*** Rodriguez,  
Venezuela.



***H. bihai*** (L.) L.,  
Caribbean, northern  
S.America to  
Ecuador



***H. caribaea*** Lam.,  
Caribbean



***H. bourgaeana***  
O.G. Peters.,  
Mexico: Veracruz



***H. champneiana*** Griggs,  
southern Mexico to  
Honduras



***H. lennartiana***  
W.J. Kress,  
Panama



***H. orthotricha*** L. Anderss.,  
Colombia to Peru



***H. stricta*** Huber,  
S.America



***H. rodriguensis***  
Aristeg., Venezuela.



***H. wagneriana***  
O.G. Peters.,  
C.America to  
Colombia

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Heliconia*  
Section *Episcopales* (Griggs) L. Anderss.**



***Heliconia episcopalis* Vell.,  
Colombia, Venezuela,  
Surinam, Ecuador, & Peru**



***Heliconia* Subgenus *Heliconia* Section *Tortex* L. Anderss.**



***H. beckneri***  
R.R. Smith,  
Costa Rica



***H. latispatha*** Benth.,  
Mexico to S. America



***H. irrasa*** R.R. Smith  
ssp. *undulata*  
Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica



***H. spathocircinata***  
Aristeg.,  
tropical S. America



***H. tortuosa*** Griggs,  
Costa Rica



***H. lindsayana*** W.J. Kress,  
Panama



***H. thomasiana***  
W.J. Kress,  
Panama



***H. sarapiquensis***  
Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica



***H. monteverdensis***  
Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica



***H. umbrophila***  
Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica

Not shown:

***H. albicosta*** (Daniels & Stiles) L. Anderss.  
***H. cucullata*** W.J. Kress & L. Anderss.  
***H. faunaorum*** W.J. Kress & L. Anderss.  
***H. lutea*** W.J. Kress  
***H. undulata*** L. Anderss.

*Heliconia* Subgenus *Heliconia* Section *Farinosae* W.J. Kress, ined.



*H. librata* Griggs,  
Mexico to Nicaragua



*H. gracilis* Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica



*H. ignescens* Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica



*H. sampaioana*  
L. Emygdio, Brazil



*H. lankesteri* Standl. var. *rubra*,  
Costa Rica



*H. farinosa*  
Raddi, Brazil



*H. vellosiana*  
L. Emygdio, Brazil

Not shown:

*H. barryana* W.J. Kress  
*H. darienensis* L. Anderss.  
*H. kautzkiana* Emygdio & Santos  
*H. x rivularis* Emygdio & Santos  
*H. rodriguezii* Stiles



*H. clinophila* R.R. Smith,  
Panama

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Heliconia* Section  
*Complanatae* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H. atratensis*** Abalo & Morales, Colombia

Not shown:

***H. brenneri*** Abalo & Morales  
***H. foreroi*** Abalo & Morales,  
Colombia

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Heliconia* Section  
*Tenebria* L. Anderss.**



***H. lourteigiae*** Emygdio & Santos,  
French Guiana.

Not shown: ***H. tenebrosa*** Macbr.

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Taeniostrobos* (Kuntze) Griggs**



***H. atropurpurea***  
Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica

***H. reticulata*** (Griggs)  
Winkl., Costa Rica



***H. imbricata*** (Kuntze)  
Griggs, Costa Rica

Not shown:

***H. bella*** W.J. Kress





***Heliconia* Subgenus *Heliconiopsis* (Miq.) W.J. Kress**



***H. indica* Lam. var. *micholitzii* (Ridley) W.J. Kress, Bismarck Archipelago and New Ireland**



***H. indica* var. *dennisiana* W.J. Kress, Solomon Is.**



***H. indica* var. *rubricarpa* W.J. Kress, eastern Papua New Guinea and New Britain**



***H. indica* Lam. var. *austrocaledonica* (Vieill.) Kress, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, & Santa Cruz Is.**



***H. indica* 'Spectabilis', cultivated**



***H. papuana* W.J. Kress, New Guinea**



***H. solomonensis* W.J. Kress, Solomon Is. and Bougainville**



***H. lanata* (P. Green) W.J. Kress, Solomon Is.**



***H. paka* A.C. Smith, Fiji (although this was collected in Papua New Guinea)**



***H. laufao* W.J. Kress, Samoa**

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Stenochlamys* Section *Lanea* L. Anderss.**



***H. aemygdiana*** Burle-Marx,  
Colombian Amazon to  
Bolivia and S.E. Brazil



***H. pseudoaemygdiana***  
Emygdio & Santos,  
Brazil (& Ecuador?)



***H. lingulata*** R. & P.,  
Peru



***H. aristeguietae*** Abalo  
& Morales, Colombia



***H. schiedeana*** Kl.,  
southern Mexico



***H. spissa*** Griggs,  
southern Mexico to  
Guatemala

Not shown:

- H. adflexa*** (Griggs) Standl.
- H. burleana*** Abalo & Morales
- H. fugax*** L. Anderss.
- H. gaiboriana*** Abalo & Morales
- H. gilbertiana*** Abalo & Morales
- H. gloriosa*** Abalo & Morales
- H. impudica*** Abalo & Morales
- H. laneana*** Barreiros
- H. lophocarpa*** Daniels & Stiles
- H. meridensis*** Kl.
- H. mincana*** Abalo & Morales
- H. virginalis*** Abalo & Morales
- H. willisiana*** Abalo & Morales



***H. zebrina*** Plowman,  
Kress, & Kennedy,  
Peru



***Heliconia* Subgenus *Stenochlamys* Section *Stenochlamys* (Baker) Schum.**



***H. acuminata* L.C. Rich.,  
Guyana, Brazil**



***H. angusta* Vell.,  
southeast Brazil**



***H. psittacorum* L. f.,  
Caribbean, Guianas to Brazil**



***H. tarumaensis* Barreiros,  
Brazil**



***H. richardiana* Miq.,  
Venezuela through Guianas to  
eastern Brazil**



***H. brachyantha* L. Anderss.,  
Panama, Colombia, & Venezuela**

Not shown: *H. timothei* L. Anderss.

***Heliconia* Subgenus  
*Stenochlamys* Section  
*Proximochlamys* L. Anderss.**



*H. densiflora* Verlot, Guianas  
to Colombia & Trinidad, and  
southwestern Amazon

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Stenochlamys*  
Section *Lasia* L. Anderss.**



*H. estherae* Abalo & Morales,  
Colombia



*H. lasiorachis* L. Anderss.,  
Colombia, Peru, & western Brazil

Not shown:

*H. dasyantha* Koch & Bouché

*H. julianii* Barreiros

*H. velutina* L. Anderss.

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Stenochlamys* Section *Cannastrum* L. Anderss.**



***H. calatheaphylla*** Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica



***H. subulata*** R. & P., Ecuador to  
Argentina and southern Brazil

Not shown:

- H. berryi*** Abalo & Morales
- H. pardoii*** Abalo & Morales
- H. sanctae-martae*** L. Anderss.
- H. venusta*** Abalo & Morales



***H. metallica*** Pl. & Linden ex Hook.,  
widespread, Honduras to Bolivia



***H. osaensis*** Cuf., Costa  
Rica & Panama



***H. mathiasiae*** Daniels & Stiles, 'Mildred',  
Costa Rica & Nicaragua



***H. mathiasiae* (*H. wilsonii*)**  
Daniels & Stiles),  
Costa Rica & Panama



***H. mathiasiae* (*H. golfodulcensis*)**  
Daniels & Stiles), Costa Rica



***H. vaginalis*** Benth.,  
Costa Rica to Colombia



***H. vaginalis* (*H. deflexa*)** Daniels &  
Stiles), Costa Rica



*Heliconia* Subgenus *Stenochlamys* Section *Zingiberastrum* L. Anderss.



*H. aurantiaca* Ghiesbr. ex Lemaire, Mexico to Panama



*H. telesiana* (aff.), sp. nov. "Carlei", Peru



*H. sp. 'Carnaval'*, Brazil

Not shown:

- H. apparicioi* Barreiros
- H. cordata* L. Anderss.
- H. crassa* Griggs
- H. tararcunae* L. Anderss.



*H. longiflora* ssp. *ecuadoriensis* L. Anderss., Ecuador



*H. longiflora* R.R. Smith ssp. *longiflora*, Nicaragua to Colombia



*H. schumanniana* Loes., Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, & Peru



*H. hirsuta* L. f., Belize to southern tropical S. America

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* L. Anderss.  
Section *Griggsia* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H. pastazae* L. Anderss.,  
Colombia & Ecuador**



***H. griggsiana* L.B. Smith,  
Colombia & Ecuador**

Not shown:

***H. gigantea* W.J. Kress & J. Betancur  
*H. paludigena* Abalo & Morales  
*H. titanum* W.J. Kress & J. Betancur**

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* Section *Barbatae* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H. pogonantha*** Cuf.  
var. *pogonantha*,  
Costa Rica & Nicaragua



***H. ramonensis*** Daniels & Stiles,  
Costa Rica & Panama



***H. regalis*** L. Anderss.,  
Colombia & Ecuador



***H. vellerigera***  
Poepp., Colombia,  
Ecuador, & Peru



***H. magnifica***  
W.J. Kress,  
Costa Rica



***Heliconia xanthovillosa***  
W.J. Kress, Panama

Not shown:

- H. danielsiana*** W.J. Kress
- H. lutheri*** W.J. Kress
- H. markiana*** Abalo & Morales
- H. peteriana*** Abalo & Morales
- H. rhodantha*** Abalo & Morales
- H. sanctae-theresae*** Abalo & Morales



***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia***  
**Section *Arcuatae* W.J. Kress, ined.**

Not shown:

*H. curtispatha* Peters.

*H. nigripraeformis* Dodson & Gentry

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia***  
**Section *Longae* W.J. Kress, ined.**



*H. longa* (Griggs) Winkler,  
Nicaragua to Ecuador



*H. mariae* Hook. f.,  
Belize to Colombia  
and Venezuela

Not shown:

*H. excelsa* L. Anderss.

*H. harlingii* L. Anderss.

*H. stilesii* W.J. Kress

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* Section *Obscurae* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H. laxa*** Abalo & Morales, Colombia



***H. mutisiana*** Cuatrecasas, Colombia



***H. obscura*** var. *obscura*



***H. cf. obscura***

***H. obscura*** Dodson & A.H. Gentry, Colombia & Ecuador



***H. obscura*** var. *dichroma*



***H. obscura*** ssp. *fusca*

Not shown:

***H. abaloi*** G. Morales

***H. chrysocraspeda*** Abalo & Morales

***H. combinata*** Abalo & Morales

***H. estiletioides*** Abalo & Morales

***H. fragilis*** Abalo & Morales

***H. fredberryana*** W.J. Kress

***H. lozanoi*** Abalo & Morales

***H. nariniensis*** Abalo & Morales

***H. nitida*** Abalo & Morales

***H. obscuroides*** L. Anderss

***H. robusta*** Pax

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* Section *Dromedarius* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H. huilensis* Abalo & Morales,  
Colombia**

Not shown:

***H. arrecta* W.J. Kress & J. Betancur**

***H. mucilagina* Abalo & Morales**

***H. spiralis* Abalo & Morales**



***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* Section *Sigmoideae* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H. maculata* W.J. Kress, Panama**



***H. talamancana* Daniels & Stiles, Costa Rica**



***H. necrobacteata* W.J. Kress, Panama**



***H. trichocarpa* Daniels & Stiles, Costa Rica to Colombia**



***H. colgantea* R.R. Smith ex Daniels & Stiles, Costa Rica**



***H. reptans* Abalo & Morales, Colombia**

Not shown:

- H. badilloi* Abalo & Morales
- H. berriziana* Abalo & Morales
- H. caquetensis* Abalo & Morales
- H. dielsiana* Loes.
- H. intermedia* Abalo & Morales
- H. lentiginosa* Abalo & Morales
- H. oleosa* Abalo & Morales
- H. robertoi* Abalo & Morales
- H. sclerotricha* Abalo & Morales
- H. signa-hispanica* Abalo & Morales



***H. penduloides* Loes., Peru**

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* Section *Rostratae* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H. rostrata*** R. & P.,  
Colombia, Venezuela,  
Ecuador, Peru, &  
Bolivia



***H. plowmaniana***  
W.J. Kress, ined.,  
Ecuador & Peru



***H. marginata*** (Griggs)  
Pittier, Costa Rica,  
Panama, Colombia,  
Venezuela, Trinidad,  
Guianas, Brazil, Ecuador,  
& Peru



***H. marginata***  
var. *lutea*



***H. x rauliniana*** Barreiros,  
(*H. marginata* x *H. bihai*),



***H. standleyi*** Macbr.,  
Colombia, Ecuador,  
& Peru

Not shown:

***H. juruana*** Loes.



***H. x flabellata***  
Abalo & Morales  
(*H. standleyi* x  
*H. episcopalis*),  
Ecuador



*Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* Section *Pendulae* (Griggs) W.J. Kress, ined.



*H. chartacea* Lane ex Barreiros, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guianas, & Brazil



*H. collinsiana* Griggs, S. Mexico to central Nicaragua



*H. collinsiana* var. *velutina* \_\_\_\_\_



*H. riopalenquensis* Dodson & A. Gentry, Ecuador



*H. pendula* Wawra, northern S. America



*H. platystachys* Baker, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, & Venezuela



*H. villosa* Kl., Venezuela

Not shown:

*H. fernandezii* Abalo & Morales  
*H. meeana* W.J. Kress  
*H. mooreana* R.R. Smith  
*H. rigida* Abalo & Morales



***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia*  
Section *Contortex* W.J. Kress, ined.**



***H.nutans* Woodson,  
Costa Rica & Panama**



***H.secunda* Daniels & Stiles,  
Nicaragua & Costa Rica**

***Heliconia* Subgenus *Griggsia* Section  
*Retiformes* W.J. Kress, ined.**

Not shown:

***H.donstonea* W.J. Kress & J. Betancur**

***H. holmquistiana* Abalo & Morales**

***H. stella-maris* Abalo & Morales**

***H. terciopela* W.J. Kress & J. Betancur**



*H. marginata*



*H. x rauliniana*  
(*H. marginata* x *H. bihai*)



*H. bihai*



*H. 'Hot Rio Nights', 'Dimitri Sucre'*  
(*H. bihai* x *H. pendula*)



*H. pendula*



*H. standleyi*



*H. x flabellata* (*H. standleyi* x *H. episcopalis*)



*H. episcopalis*



*H. angusta*



*H. x pabstii*  
(*H. pendula* x *H. angusta*?)

Heliconia 21 (hybrids, hanging with upright)

Heliconia hybrids  
(hanging crossed with upright)