

Werner's Guide to Nicaraguan Orchids: Selva Negra

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Selva Negra is the name of a restaurant and lodge located on the border between the departments of Matagalpa and Jinotega. The establishment is located on the finca Hammonia, founded in the last century by German immigrants. The lodge is located on Ineter map 3054 IV in Km 1437 N. 618 E, at about 85.55° east longitude, 13° north latitude. The finca and surroundings area is dominated by two peaks, Picacho at about 1500 meters in elevation and Cerro Bravo at 1525 meters in elevation. The lodge is located next to an artificial lake at about 3800 feet in elevation, and is surrounded by coffee trees and cloud forest.

Located just a few km to the west is the site of the former Hotel Santa Maria de Ostuma. This hotel was famous throughout Nicaragua and Central America, prior to its destruction by the Sandinista regime in the 1980's. Santa Maria de Ostuma attracted orchid collectors from many institutions for decades and hence the hotel is noted in many of their descriptions of orchids. For the purposes of this guide both hotels are considered together, since it is obvious many of the plants collected at Santa Maria de Ostuma were actually collected in the regions of Picacho and Cerro Bravo.

	ORCHID NAME	ORCHID FAMILY	ALTITUDE
1.	AMPAROA COSTARICENSIS	SCHLTR.	
2.	ARPOPHYLUM GIGANTEUM	HARTW. Ex LINDL.	1,300
3.	ARPOPHYLUM MEDIUM	RCHB f.	1,700
4.	BLETIA SP.		
5.	CHONDRORHYNCHA HELLERI	FOWLIE	1,500
6.	COMPARETTIA FALCATA	POEPP & ENDL.	1,300
7.	CRANICHIS REVOLUTA	HAMER & GARAY	
8.	CRANICHIS WAGENERI	RCHB f.	1,500
9.	DICHAEA GLAUCA	(SW) LINDL.	1,400
10.	DICHAEA MURICATOIDES	HAMER & GARAY	1,500
11.	DICHAEA NEGLECTA	SCHLTR.	1,300
12.	ENCYCLIA ABBREVIATA	(SCHLTR) DRESSLER	1,000
13.	ENCYCLIA BACULUS	(RCHB F.) DRESSLER&POLLARD	1,000
14.	ENCYCLIA BRASSAVOLAE	(RCHB F) DRESSLER	
15.	ENCYCLIA FRAGRANS	(SW) LEMEE	1,300
16.	ENCYCLIA OLCHRACEA	(LINDL) DRESSLER	1,300
17.	EPIDANTHUS PARANTHICUS	(RCHB F) LOWILLIAMS	1,300
18.	EPIDENDRUM ALABASTRIALATUM	POLLARD & HAGSATER	1,400
19.	EPIDENDRUM CILIARE L.		1,200
20.	EPIDENDRUM LACUSTRE	LINDL.	
21.	EPIDENDRUM NUBIUM	RCHB. F.	1,100
22.	EPIDENDRUM PSEUDORAMOSUM	SCHLTR.	1,250
23.	EPIDENDRUM RADICANS	PAVON & RUIZ	1,300
24.	EPIDENDRUM SCRIPTUM	A.RICH & GAL	1,400
25.	EPIDENDRUM SELIGINELLA	SCHLTR.	1,200
26.	EPIDENDRUM TRACHYTHECE	SCHLTR.	1,200

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27.	EPIDENDRUM TURIALVE	RCHB F.	1,350
28.	EPIDENDRUM VEIJI	RCHB F.	1,500
29.	GALEANDRA BATEMANNI	ROLFE	1,500
30.	HABENARIA FLORIBUNDA	LINDL.	1,200
31.	HABENARIA MONORRHIZA	(SW) RCHB F	1,300
32.	HELLERIELLA NICARAGUENSIS	HAWKES	1,200
33.	HYPOCHILUS LEOCHILINUS	(RCHB F.) MANUSF.	1,200
34.	IOCHILUS AMPAROOANUS	SCHLTR.	1,300
35.	ISOCHILUS AURANTIACUS	HAMER & GARAY	1,300
36.	ISOCHILUS LATIBRACTEATUS	RICH & GAL	1,300
37.	ISOCHILUS LINEARIS	(JACQ) L. BR	1,300
38.	JACQUINIELLA COBANE	(AMES & SCHLTR) DRESSLER	1,300
39.	EPIDENDRUM RAMOSUM	JACQ.	1,200
40.	GONGORA CASSIDEA	RCHB F.	1,400
41.	LEPANTHES ACUMINATA	SCHLTR	1,500
42.	LEPANTHES HELLERI	HAWKES	1,300-1,500
43.	LIPARIS ARNOGLOSSOPHYLLA	RCHB F. EX HEMSL	1,500
44.	LIPARIS VEXILLIFERA	(LLAVE & LEA) COGN	1,400
45.	MAXILLARIA COBANENSIS	SCHLTR	1,350
46.	MAXILLARIA CUCULLATA	LINDL	1,400
47.	MAXILLARIA DENSA	LDNDL	1,300
48.	MAXILLARIA HEMATO GLOSSA		1,500
49.	MAXILLARIA PRAESTANS	BATEM EX LINDL.	1,200
50.	MAXILLARIA VARIABILIS	BATEM EX LINDL.	1,200
51.	OERSTEDELLA ABBERRANS	(SCHLTR) HAMER COMB NOV	1,300
52.	OERSTEDELLA VERRACOSA	(SW)HAMER & GARAY	1,300
53.	ONCIDIUM CHEIROPHORUM VAR.EXAURICULATUM	HAMER & GARAY	1,200
54.	CHYSIS TRICOSTATA	SCHLTR	1,300
55.	CHYSIS LAEVIS	LINDL.	1,300
56.	ENCYCLIA LIVIDA	(LINDL) DRESSLER	1,150
57.	LEPANTHES OREOCHARIS	SCHLTR	1,260
58.	LIPARIS CORDIFORMIS	C. SCHWEINF	1,500
59.	MASDEVALIA CHONTALENSIS	RCHB F.	1,100
60.	MAXILLARIA RINGES	RCHB F.	1,000
61.	MAXILLARIA RUFESCENS	LINDL.	1,245
62.	MILTONIODES PAUCIFOLIA	(L.O. WILLIAMS) HAMER & GARAY	1,400
63.	ONCIDIUM PALEATUM	SCHLTR.	1,350
64.	ONCIDIUM STENOTIS	RCHB F.	1,300
65.	ORNITHOCEPHALUS GLADIATUS	HOOK	1,200
66.	PELEXIA CONGESTA	AMES & SCHWEINFURTH	1,200-1,500
67.	PHYSOSIPHON SPIRALIS	LINDL.	1,100
68.	PLATYTHELYS ANERCETICOLA	LINDL GARAY	
69.	PLEUROTHALLIS DOLICHOPUS	SCHLTR	1,280
70.	PLEUROTHALLIS MATEDRAIA	C. SCHWEINF	1,200
71.	PLEUROTHALLIS PLATYSTYLIS	SCHLTR.	1,300
72.	PLEUROTHALLIS SEGREERATIFOLIA	AMES & SCHWEINFURTH	1,500
73.	PRESCOTTIA STOCHYODES	(SW) LINDL.	1,400
74.	SARCOGLOTTIS SCEPTRODES	RCHB F. SCHLTR.	1,000

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75.	SCHIEDEELLA WERKLEI	SCHLTR GARAY	1,500
76.	SOBRALIA FENZLIANA	RCHB F.	1,300
77.	SOBRALIA FRAGANS	LINDL	1200-1300
78.	SOBRALIA MACRANTHA	LINDL	1,200
79.	STANHOPEA CONSTARICANSIS	RCHB F.	1,300
80.	STANHOPEA GIBBOSA	RCHB F.	1,300
81.	STANHOPEA WARDII LODD	EX. LINDL	1,400
82.	PLEUROTHALLIS MEMOR	RCHB F.	1,250
83.	STELIS CLEISTOGAMA	SCHLTR.	1,500
84.	STELIS CUCULLATA	AMES	1,400
85.	STELIS OVATILABIA	SCHLTR.	1,200
86.	STENORRYNCHOS SPECIOSUM	(JACQ) L.C. REICH EX. SPRENG	1,300
87.	TRICHOPILLIA TORTILLIS	LINDL	1,300
88.	TRICHOPI8LLIA TURIALVE	RCHB F.	1,400