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The typical form is “the most common representative of the genus in tropical South America and the Antilles ... except for the Andes Region and Central Brazil.”: Maas (1972) Fl. Neotrop. 8: 57-61.

Lyon L-95.0667, from J. Mood, as C. amazonicus; to Wahiawa B.G.; DNA to Chelsea Specht. Planted in H37 (shown), mauka of Allagoptera (Apr 96); and near H4-9-5, among rocks between streams (May 98).
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Lyon L-78.1322, Brasil: Amazonas, Rio Negro; Madison 6055A, w/ H. Kennedy, as C. sp.; ID by P. Maas, based on KMN 3014. Voucher: KMN 3014 (w/ spirit) - U only, KMN 3234 – HLA.

From KMN 3234: Stems 2.5-4 m height, 2.5 cm diameter at base, often branching from old inflorescence. Leaves dark green above, purple beneath, obovate-oblakeolate, 12-30 cm long; sheath red toward base of stem. Inflorescence ovoid, sessile, 6-10 cm long, 3-4 cm diameter; bracts green without, red within. Corolla white, 6-7 cm long; staminode 9 cm long, white; labellum white, ruffled, extending 2 cm beyond the corolla; the lip yellow, shorter than the 2 lateral lobes; calyx bright red, 2 cm long, the lobes green.

We need pictures of flowers.