

New species of orchid discovered in Peruvian jungle

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The recently discovered orchid species "*Andinia tingomariana*," found by a group of Peruvian botanists in the central Amazonian forest of Peru at the Tingo Maria National Park

Botanists have discovered a new species of orchid in Peru's central

Amazonian rainforest, the country's national parks service announced Tuesday.

"The [new species](#) of orchid was recently discovered in the Tingo Maria National Park" in the Huanuco region, the parks service SERNANP announced.

The orchid is classified as belonging to the Andinia genus and was discovered in area of the Bella Durmiente (Spanish for Sleeping Beauty) mountain, which is a prominent feature of the Tingo Maria National Park, it said in a statement.

Set in the middle of Peru, the area is marked by mild weather with an annual average temperature of 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit).

Fragrant and delicately beautiful, there are around 30,000 different species of orchid around the world, around 10 percent of them in Peru.

Around 240 can be found in the Tingo Maria National Park, which was created in 1965.

"This kind of discovery highlights the natural heritage of the country and demonstrates the good standard of conservation of the [park](#)," said Lorenzo Flores, director of the Tingo Maria National Park.



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