

Bernoullia flammea

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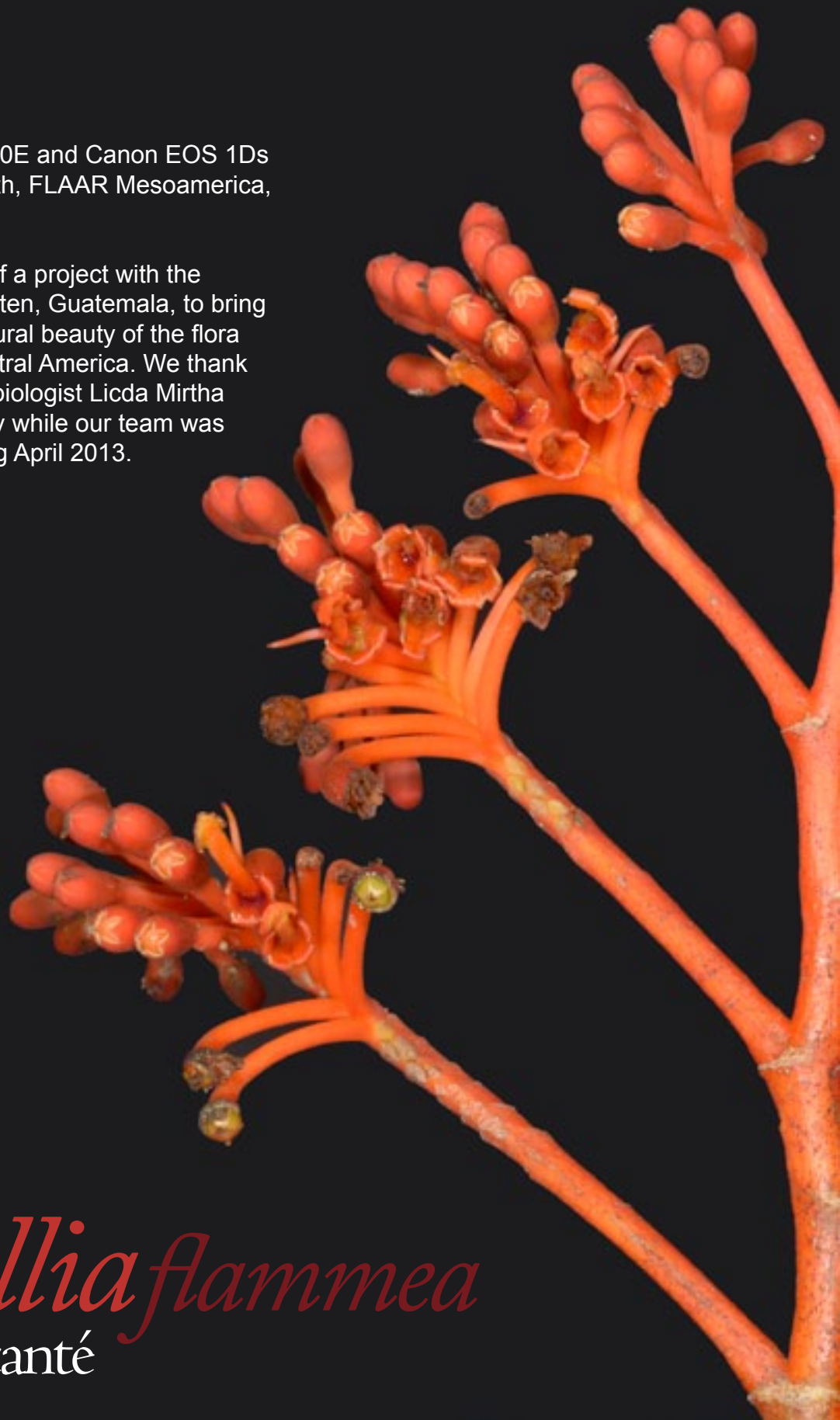


A close-up photograph of the inflorescence of Bernoullia flammea. The image shows a cluster of numerous small, reddish-orange, tubular flowers or buds arranged in a branched, terminal panicle. The flowers have a distinct shape, resembling small, elongated capsules or buds. The background is a dark, solid color, which makes the vibrant orange-red of the plant stand out. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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Finding mapola flowers at Tikal

In 2011 or 2012 we took snapshots of some pretty orange-red flowers on the ground near Temple III. Only when I got back to the office did I realize these were mapola flowers.

So in 2013 we returned to Tikal during the mapola blooming season and found more flowers on the ground.

This time we did macro photography of them.

The tree itself is so high that until we have a 600mm prime lens for our Canon camera, we can't get good photos of the flowers up in a tree that high.

Fortunately later we found one mapola tree near the Central Acropolis which was closer, so we got better shots of the flowers in the tree.

Plus we found two trees on a finca near El Chal, El Peten (en route to Poptun) where the branches were low enough that we could photograph them with our 3-meter high Gitzo tripods and 100mm macro lens on the Canon and 60mm macro on our Nikon D800E. Those El Chal tree flowers are in a separate FLAAR Report.



Here is a report on close-up photography of mapola flowers near El Chal, Peten, Guatemala.

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