

## Carlos Gerardo Velazco Macías



Carlos Gerardo Velazco Macías is a biologist, graduated from the Faculty of Biological Sciences of the UANL (Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León) in 1997, passionate about the botanical biodiversity and focused on continuous learning and improvement; in 2002 he described a new genus for the cactus family – *Digitostigma*, and a new species in this genus – *Digitostigma caput-medusae*, while actively involved in issues regarding the knowledge of the flora and vegetation of Nuevo León. He currently works for Parks and Wildlife of Nuevo León at the Coordination of Natural Protected Areas. In 2009 he concluded a PhD in Biological Sciences in the Faculty of Biological Sciences of the same University, having the central theme of his research on the floristic knowledge of Nuevo León. Currently, he is a member of the National System of Researchers, and continues to work in surveys of the native flora. These days he is back on the front page of the botanical news with the description of *Aztekium valdezii* sp. nov., the most expected description of 2013, after the rumor of this plant discovery has troubled the virtual community.

