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Table S1. Tests of Significance of Squared Mahalanobis Distances for the Discriminant Analysis. F tests with 15 and 55 degrees of freedom. Dist. represents the Mahalanobis distance between the groups. **p<0.001.

| Class | <u>CAM tank</u> | | <u>C₃ tank</u> | | <u>Shallow tank</u> | | <u>Pseudobulbs</u> | | <u>Nebulophyte</u> | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| | F | Dist. | F | Dist. | F | Dist. | F | Dist. | F | Dist. |
| CAM tank | | 0.0 | 10.7 | 20.8** | 13.2 | 31.5** | 20.6 | 64.6** | 24.5 | 64.0** |
| C ₃ tank | 10.7 | 20.8** | | 0.0 | 13.4 | 30.1** | 22.7 | 67.8** | 26.5 | 65.3** |
| Shallow tank | 13.2 | 31.5** | 13.4 | 30.1** | | 0.0 | 3.6 | 12.4** | 6.2 | 18.2** |
| Pseudobulbs | 20.6 | 64.6** | 22.7 | 67.8** | 3.6 | 12.3** | | 0.0 | 5.5 | 20.2** |
| Nebulophyte | 24.5 | 64.0** | 26.5 | 65.3** | 6.2 | 18.2** | 5.5 | 20.2** | | 0.0 |

Table S2. Species functional group affiliation, number of records and number of traits represented within the trait database.

| Species | Records | Traits | Functional group |
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| <i>Aechmea abbreviata</i> L.B. Sm. | 14 | 9 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Aechmea angustifolia</i> Poepp. & Endl. | 14 | 12 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Aechmea aquilega</i> (Salisb.) Griseb. | 138 | 19 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea bracteata</i> (Sw.) Griseb. | 263 | 21 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea brevicollis</i> L. B. Sm. | 18 | 9 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Aechmea bromeliifolia</i> (Rudge) Baker | 191 | 22 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea castelnavii</i> Baker. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea chantinii</i> (Carr.) Baker | 12 | 12 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea cucullata</i> H. Luther. | 10 | 9 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea dichlamydea</i> Baker | 33 | 15 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea echinata</i> (Leme) Leme. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea farinosa</i> (Regel) L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Aechmea fasciata</i> (Lindl.) Baker | 13 | 13 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea fendleri</i> André ex Mez. | 73 | 18 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea filicaulis</i> (Griseb.) Mez. | 17 | 15 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea gamosepala</i> Wittm. | 13 | 13 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea gurkeniana</i> E. Pereira & Moutinho. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea hoppii</i> (Harms) L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea lingulata</i> (L.) Baker | 33 | 15 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea manzanaresiana</i> H. Luther | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea mariae-reginae</i> H. Wendl. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |

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| <i>Aechmea mertensii</i> (G.Mey.) Schult. & Schult. f. | 37 | 19 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea milsteiniana</i> L. B. Sm. & Read. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea nallyi</i> L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea nudicaulis</i> Griseb. | 229 | 22 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea paniculigera</i> (Sw.) Griseb. | 12 | 12 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea pubescens</i> Baker. | 14 | 12 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea racinae</i> L. B. Sm. | 10 | 9 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Aechmea rodriguesiana</i> (L. B. Sm.) L. B. Sm. | 14 | 13 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea servitensis</i> André. | 175 | 14 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Aechmea setigera</i> Mart. ex Schult. & Schult. f. | 23 | 19 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea tillandsioides</i> (Mart. ex Schult. & Schult. f.) Baker | 77 | 21 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea tomentosa</i> Mez. | 5 | 5 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea weilbachii</i> Didr. | 20 | 10 | CAM tank |
| <i>Aechmea woronowii</i> Harms | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Araeococcus micranthus</i> Brongn | 32 | 15 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Araeococcus pectinatus</i> L. B. Sm. | 12 | 11 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Billbergia amoena</i> (Lodd.) Lindl. | 21 | 17 | CAM tank |
| <i>Billbergia euphemiae</i> E. Morren. | 16 | 15 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Billbergia manarae</i> Steyererm. | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Billbergia meyeri</i> Mez. | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Billbergia portiana</i> Brongniart ex Beer | 185 | 20 | CAM tank |
| <i>Billbergia sanderiana</i> E. Morren | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Billbergia stenopetala</i> Harms | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Billbergia zebrina</i> (Herbert) Lindl. | 13 | 12 | CAM tank |
| <i>Canistropsis billbergioides</i> (Schult. & Schult. f.) Leme. | 52 | 10 | CAM tank |
| <i>Canistrum lanigerum</i> H. Luther & Leme. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Canistrum seidelianum</i> W. Weber | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Catopsis berteroniana</i> (Schult. & Schult. f.) Mez | 175 | 23 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Catopsis floribunda</i> (Brongn.) L. B. Smith. | 21 | 19 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Catopsis juncifolia</i> Mez & Wercklé. | 16 | 15 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Catopsis morreniana</i> Mez | 140 | 21 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Catopsis nitida</i> (Hook.) Griseb. | 177 | 20 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Catopsis nutans</i> (Sw.) Griseb. | 34 | 16 | C ₃ tank |

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| <i>Catopsis sessiliflora</i> (Ruiz & Pav.) Mez. | 576 | 22 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Fascicularia bicolor</i> (Ruiz & Pav.) Mez. | 78 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Goudea ospinae</i> (H.Luther) W.Till & Barfuss | 15 | 10 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania altsonii</i> L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania angustifolia</i> (Baker) Wittm. | 24 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania blassii</i> Rauh | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania calothyrsus</i> Mez | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania desautelsii</i> Read & L. B. Sm. | 17 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania dissitiflora</i> (André) L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania donnellsmithii</i> Mez ex Donn. Sm. | 26 | 13 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania eduardii</i> André ex Mez | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania fosteriana</i> L. B. Sm. | 144 | 15 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania glomerata</i> Mez & Wercklé. | 13 | 10 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania laeta</i> H. E. Luther | 161 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania lingulata</i> (L.) Mez | 409 | 25 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania megastachya</i> (Baker) Mez | 33 | 15 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania melinonis</i> Regel | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania mitis</i> L. B. Sm. | 155 | 16 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania monostachia</i> (L.) Rusby ex Mez | 223 | 23 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania musaica</i> (Linden & André) Mez | 16 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania nicaraguensis</i> Mez & C. F. Baker | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania osyana</i> (E. Morren) Mez | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania patula</i> Mez & Wercklé | 140 | 16 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania plicatifolia</i> L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania rauhiana</i> H. E. Luther | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania remyi</i> L. B. Sm. | 10 | 9 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania retusa</i> L. B. Sm. | 16 | 13 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania sanguinea</i> (André) André ex Mez | 14 | 13 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania scherzeriana</i> Mez | 16 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania subcorymbosa</i> L. B. Sm. | 125 | 19 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania tarapotina</i> Ule | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania triangularis</i> L. B. Sm. | 296 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania wittmackii</i> (André) André ex Mez | 13 | 12 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Guzmania zahnii</i> (Hook. f.) Mez | 19 | 10 | C ₃ tank |

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| <i>Josemania singularis</i> (Mez & Wercklé) W.Till & Barfuss | 13 | 12 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Lemeltonia monadelpha</i> (E.Morren) Barfuss W. & Till | 206 | 21 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Lutheria splendens</i> (Brongn.) Barfuss & W.Till | 21 | 18 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Lymania globosa</i> Leme | 10 | 9 | CAM tank |
| <i>Mezobromelia pleiosticha</i> (Griseb.) Utley & H. Luther | 12 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Neoregelia carolinae</i> (Beer) L. B. Sm. | 19 | 15 | CAM tank |
| <i>Neoregelia chlorosticta</i> (É. Morren) L. B. Sm. | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Neoregelia eltoniana</i> W. Weber | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Neoregelia gavionensis</i> Martinelli & Leme | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Neoregelia nivea</i> Leme | 12 | 11 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Nidularium bicolor</i> (E. Pereira) Leme | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Nidularium billbergioides</i> (Schult. & Schult. f.) L. B. Sm. | 12 | 12 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Nidularium fulgens</i> Lemaire | 14 | 13 | CAM tank |
| <i>Nidularium innocentii</i> Lemaire | 16 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Nidularium procerum</i> Lindman | 19 | 17 | CAM tank |
| <i>Nidularium purpureum</i> Beer | 10 | 9 | CAM tank |
| <i>Nidularium rutilans</i> E. Morren | 11 | 9 | CAM tank |
| <i>Quesnelia imbricata</i> L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Quesnelia marmorata</i> (Lemaire) R. W. Read | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Racinaea adpressa</i> (André) J. R. Grant | 298 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Racinaea contorta</i> (Mez & Pittier ex Mez) M. A. Spencer & L. B. Sm. | 162 | 18 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Racinaea dyeriana</i> (André) Barfuss & W.Till | 8 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Racinaea ghiesbreghtii</i> (Baker) M.A.Spencer & L.B.Sm. | 96 | 18 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Racinaea tetrantha</i> (Ruiz & Pav.) M. A. Spencer & L. B. Sm. | 315 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Ronnbergia columbiana</i> E. Morren | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Ronnbergia tonduzii</i> (Mez & Pittier) Aguirre-Santoro | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia albida</i> Mez & Purpus | 24 | 15 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia australis</i> Mez | 12 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia baileyi</i> Rose ex Small | 15 | 14 | Pseudobulbs |

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| <i>Tillandsia balbisiana</i> Schult. & Schult. f. | 264 | 23 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia bartramii</i> Elliott | 9 | 9 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia bergeri</i> Mez | 12 | 12 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia biflora</i> Ruiz & Pav. | 149 | 15 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia brachycaulos</i> Schltdl. | 576 | 22 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia bulbosa</i> Hook | 265 | 25 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia butzii</i> Mez | 270 | 21 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia capitata</i> Griseb | 9 | 9 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia caput-medusae</i> E. Morren | 19 | 16 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia carlsoniae</i> L. B. Sm. | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia chaetophylla</i> Mez | 8 | 8 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia circinnata</i> Schltdl. | 17 | 9 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia compacta</i> Griseb | 10 | 10 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia complanata</i> Benth | 341 | 22 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia concolor</i> L. B. Sm. | 300 | 20 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia copanensis</i> Rauh & Rutschm. | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia dasyliriifolia</i> Baker | 262 | 17 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia deppeana</i> Steud | 40 | 16 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia eistetteri</i> Ehlers | 124 | 15 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia elongata</i> Kunth | 300 | 20 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia excelsa</i> Griseb | 14 | 12 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia exserta</i> Mez | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia fasciculata</i> Sw. | 531 | 25 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia festucoides</i> Brongn. ex Mez | 93 | 19 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia filifolia</i> Schltdl. & Cham. | 142 | 18 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia flagellata</i> L. B. Sm. | 10 | 9 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia flexuosa</i> Sw. | 376 | 20 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia funckiana</i> Baker | 24 | 15 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia gardneri</i> Lindl. | 14 | 12 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia gymnototrya</i> Baker | 12 | 10 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia hammeri</i> Rauh & Ehlers | 8 | 8 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia heterophylla</i> E. Morren | 16 | 12 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia imperialis</i> E. Morren ex Roezl | 17 | 15 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia intermedia</i> Mez | 149 | 16 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> Planch. | 379 | 24 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia juncea</i> (Ruiz & Pav.) Poir. | 511 | 23 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia kirchhoffiana</i> Wittm. | 197 | 18 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia krukoffiana</i> L. B. Sm. | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia landbeckii</i> Phil. | 36 | 15 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia latifolia</i> Meyen | 17 | 13 | Shallow tank |

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| <i>Tillandsia leiboldiana</i> Schltdl. | 20 | 18 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia limbata</i> Schltdl. | 14 | 12 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia lucida</i> E.Morren ex Baker | 12 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia lymanii</i> Rauh | 12 | 11 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia makoyana</i> Baker | 126 | 16 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia multicaulis</i> Steud. | 334 | 20 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia paleacea</i> C. Presl | 20 | 17 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia paucifolia</i> Baker | 21 | 19 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia pentasticha</i> Rauh & Wülfigh. | 8 | 8 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia polystachia</i> (L.) L. | 557 | 24 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia pruinosa</i> Sw. | 21 | 18 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia pseudosetacea</i> Ehlers & Rauh | 9 | 9 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia punctulata</i> Schltdl. & Cham. | 361 | 20 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia recurvata</i> (L.) L. | 196 | 22 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia rhomboidea</i> André | 9 | 8 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia rodrigueziana</i> Mez | 9 | 8 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia roland-gosselinii</i> Mez | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia rothii</i> Rauh | 133 | 15 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia rotundata</i> (L. B. Sm.) C. S. Gardner | 9 | 8 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia schiedeana</i> Steud. | 326 | 22 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia sessemocinoi</i> López-Ferr., Espejo & P.Blanco | 7 | 7 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia setacea</i> Sw. | 11 | 11 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia setiformis</i> Ehlers | 8 | 8 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia streptophylla</i> Scheidw. ex E. Morren | 446 | 21 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia stricta</i> Sol. ex Ker Gawl. | 26 | 19 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia subulifera</i> Mez | 35 | 15 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Tillandsia suescana</i> L. B. Sm. | 11 | 10 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia tenuifolia</i> L. | 195 | 20 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia towarensis</i> Mez | 170 | 19 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia tricolor</i> Schltdl. & Cham. | 69 | 20 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia usneoides</i> (L.) L. | 97 | 23 | Nebulophyte |
| <i>Tillandsia utriculata</i> L. | 506 | 24 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia variabilis</i> Schltdl. | 11 | 11 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Tillandsia venusta</i> Mez & Wercklé | 43 | 19 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Tillandsia xerographica</i> Rohweder | 15 | 13 | CAM tank |
| <i>Tillandsia yucatana</i> Baker | 50 | 16 | Pseudobulbs |
| <i>Vriesea fenestralis</i> Linden & André | 12 | 12 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Vriesea fosteriana</i> L. B. Sm. | 12 | 12 | C ₃ tank |

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| <i>Vriesea guttata</i> Linden & André | 11 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Vriesea neoglutinosa</i> Mez | 31 | 14 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Vriesea zamorensis</i> (L. B. Sm.) L. B. Sm. | 27 | 10 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Wallisia anceps</i> (G.Lodd.) Barfuss & W.Till | 411 | 24 | Shallow tank |
| <i>Werauhia gigantea</i> (Mart. ex Schult. f.) J. R. Grant | 11 | 11 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Werauhia lutheri</i> S. Pierce & Aranda. | 14 | 9 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Werauhia marnier-lapostollei</i> (L. B. Sm.) J. R. Grant | 13 | 13 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Werauhia sanguinolenta</i> (Cogn. & Marchal) J. R. Grant | 22 | 18 | C ₃ tank |
| <i>Werauhia viridiflora</i> (Regel) J. R. Grant | 12 | 11 | C ₃ tank |

Table S3. Spearman rank order correlations. Height=adult plant height, FP=force to punch, LA=leaf area, LD=leaf dry matter content, SLA=specific leaf area, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ = leaf carbon isotope signature, C=leaf carbon content per leaf dry mass, LCh=leaf chlorophyll content per leaf dry mass, LI=leaf index (leaf length/leaf width), LL=leaf length, $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ = leaf nitrogen isotope signature, N=leaf nitrogen content per leaf dry mass, P=leaf phosphorus content per leaf dry mass, LT=leaf thickness, TD=leaf trichomes density, LWC=total leaf water content, LW=leaf width, A_{max} =light saturated photosynthetic rate per leaf area, SD=abaxial stomatal density, SL=stomatal length, SW=stomatal width, LWA=leaf water content on area basis, TC=tank capacity. Upper diagonal show Spearman correlations, lower diagonal shows p value, $p > 0.05$.

| TC | LWA | SW | SL | SD | A_{max} | LW | LWC | TD | LT | P | N | $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ | LL | LI | LD | LCh | C | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ | SLA | LA | FP | Height |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Height | 5.30E-01 | -1.20E-01 | -2 E-01 | 4.20E-04 | 5.40E-01 | 5.58E-01 | 5.71E-01 | 5.70E-01 | -2.52E-01 | -7.10E-02 | -1.50E-01 | -7.11E-02 | 3.38E-01 | 6.25E-01 | -1.93E-01 | 3.47E-01 | -6.09E-02 | 1.11E-01 | -9.20E-02 | 7.50E-02 | 6.20E-01 | 3.30E-01 |
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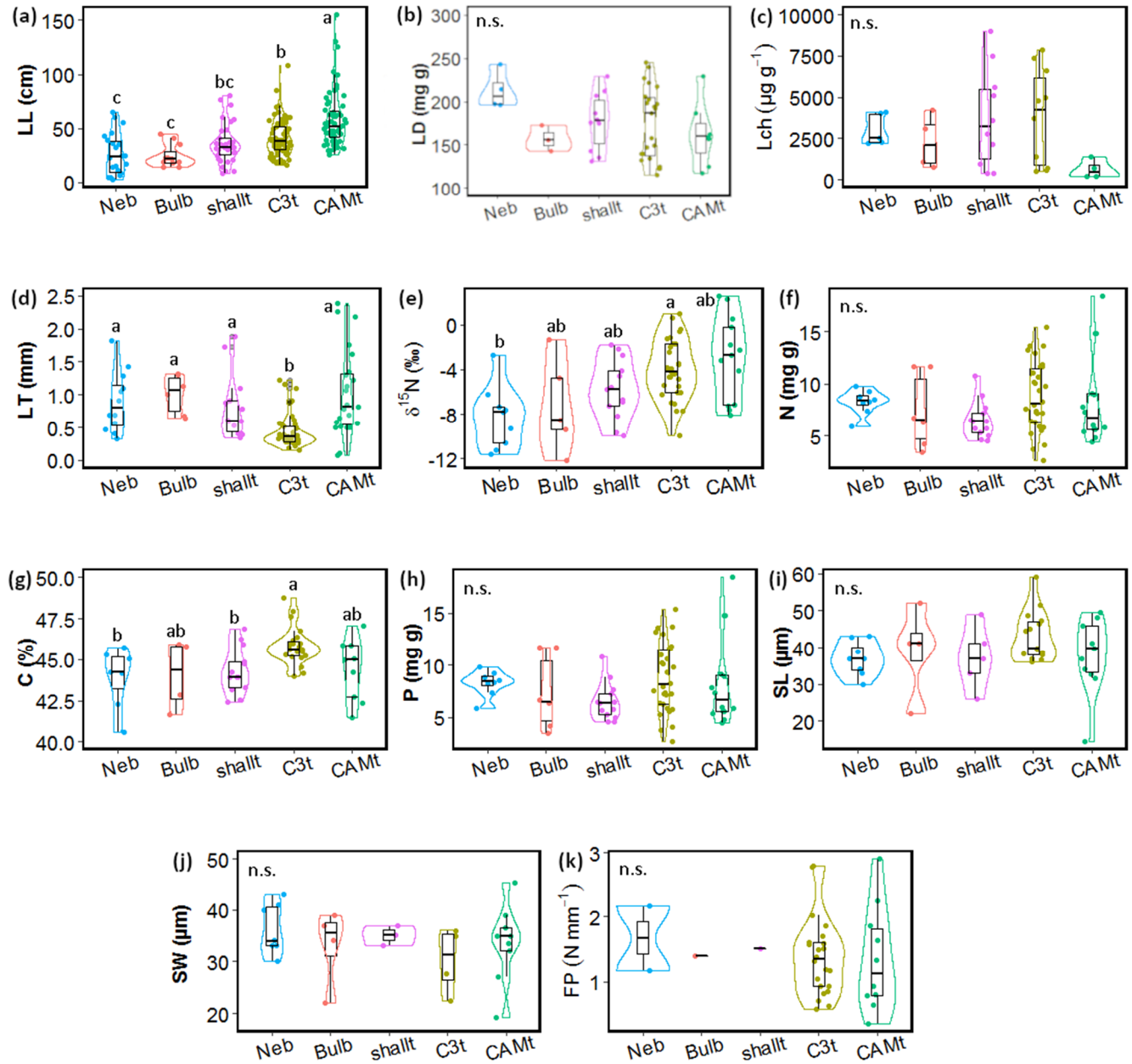


Figure S1. Comparison of functional traits between five epiphytic Bromeliaceae functional groups. Neb=nebulophytes; Bulb=pseudobulbs; ShallT=shallow tanks; C3T=C₃ tank and CAMT=CAM tanks. FP=force to punch; LD=leaf dry matter content; SLA=specific leaf area; C=leaf carbon content per leaf dry mass; LCh=leaf chlorophyll content per leaf dry mass; LL=leaf length; δ¹⁵N=leaf nitrogen isotope signature; N=leaf nitrogen content per leaf dry mass; P=leaf phosphorus content per leaf dry mass; SL=stomatal length; SW=stomatal width. Groups with different letters are significantly different (Wilcoxon post-hoc test, p < 0.05), n.s.= non-significant differences.

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