A new species of *Elleanthus, E. ortizianus*, discovered among Colombian material, is described and illustrated. The novelty resembles *Elleanthus bifarius* Garay, from which it differs by loose floral bracts, externally furfuraceous sepals, sharply acute apically petals and shape of the lip as well as by the presence of a fleshy ridge between the basal cavity and lip blade. Comparative morphology of *E. bifarius* and the new species is presented.