



Orchid Basics Series

What's In a Name




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What's In An Orchid Name



Genus

The first part of any orchid name. Any one of more than 1000 names: Yikes! It always starts with a capital but many times an abbreviation is used.

species or "Greex"

Greex is also known as "Hybrid". Either of these is always the second part of the orchid name. Species names start in lowercase, hybrid names start with a capital, most natural hybrids are denoted by a lowercase "x" prior to Greex name and starts lowercase.

Cultivar

Also known as "clonal" name, always enclosed with 'single quotes'. This epithet is uncontrolled unless an award designation follows the name meaning it has been officially recognized and recorded by a sanctioned organization.

Award Designation

Plants that have been recognized by an official orchid organization, for example the American Orchid Society.

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American Orchid Society (AOS) Flower & Plant Awards



Quality

Awarded to a plant based on high quality flowers. Notation stays with plant, divisions, clones and seedlings. 100 point scale.

- Highly Commendable Certificate **HCC** 75-79 points
- Award of Merit **AM** 80-89 points
- First Class Certificate **FCC** 90-100 points

Cultural

Awarded to a plant based on quality flowers and plant. Award goes to GROWER not plant. 100 point scale.

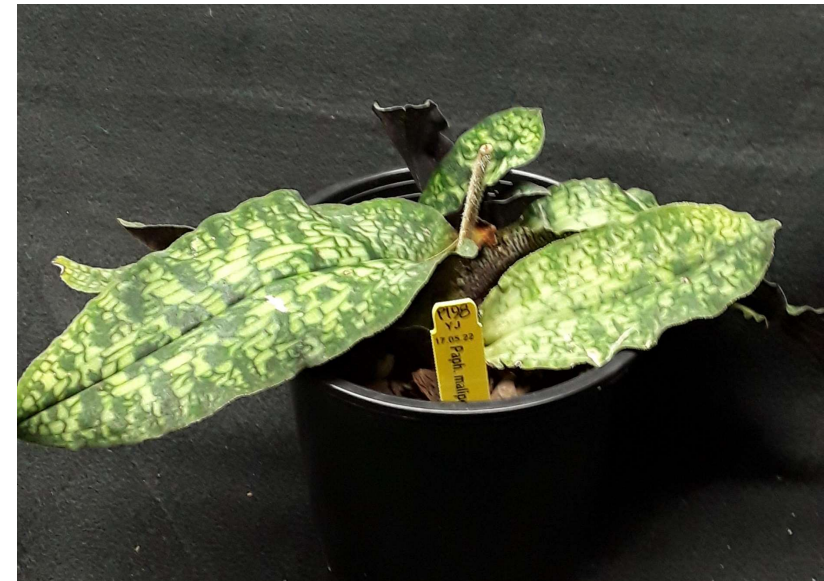
- Certificate of Cultural Merit **CCM** 80-89 points
- Certificate of Cultural Excellence **CCE** 90-100 points

more information on AOS awards for the American Orchid Society at www.aos.org

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Genus:
Paphiopedilum (Paph.)

P198
YJ 17.05.22 Paph. malipoense

species:
malipoense



Catasetum Double Down

Genus:

Catasetum (Ctsm.)

Ctsm. DOUBLE DOWN 10
Ctsm. Chuck Taylor 'Wow'
x
Ctsm. kleberianum 'SVO' 5-25-10

Hybrid/Grex:

Double Down

Parents:

Catasetum Chuck Taylor 'Wow'
crossed with
Catasetum kleberianum 'SVO'



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Genus:
Miltassia (Mtssa.)

Hybrid/Grex:
Shelob

B149 Mtssa Shelob 'Tolkien' AM/AOS

Clonal/Cultivar:
Tolkien
after being recognized as AM quality by
American Orchid Society



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Genus:
Phragmipedium (Phrag.)

Hybrid/Grex:
Nicholle Tower

04/2013 QF *Nicholle Tower*
5847 Phrag. (longifolium 'Black as Night' x
alexandroi)

Parents are in (parentheses)



Further Reading on Public Internet

- *International Orchid Register* hosted by Royal Horticultural Society
- American Orchid Society at www.aos.org
- Mid-America Orchid Congress at www.midamericanorchids.org under the Judging menu tab

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