**SPECIES DATA SHEET**

**Phragmipedium *pearcei*** [Rchb.f.] Raugh & Senghas 1975

Pronounced

Abbreviation:

**Common Name Pearce’s Phragmipedium**

**Flower Size 2" [5 cm]**

Distribution:

ORIGIN/HABITAT: Ecuador and Peru, at high elevations on the eastern slopes of the Andes. It is usually found growing at water's edge or on cliffs above streams.

PLANT SIZE AND TYPE: A 10-12 in. (25-30 cm) sympodial terrestrial.

PSEUDOBULB: None.

LEAVES: Several per growth. The linear leaves are 9-11 in. (23-28 cm) long. They may be erect or recurved.

INFLORESCENCE: Length is variable. The purplish spikes, up to 4 per new growth, are erect.

FLOWERS: 1 per inflorescence. The blossoms are similar to those of P. longifolium, differing in technical details of flower structure. The strongly twisted petals are slightly contorted, pendent, and somewhat thickened at the apex. The green lip is marked with red spots and darker vertical lines. The sepals are white with greenish veins, pubescent on the edges, and pale pink at the margins.

**Botanical Varieties:**

**Phragmipedium pearcei var. ecuadorense (Garay) C.Cash ex O.Gruss 1994**

**Synonyms:**

**Cypripedium caricinum Lindl. & Paxton 1850-1**

**Cypripedium pearcei Veitch ex J.Dix 1864**

**Cypripedium pearcei (Rchb. f.) hort. ex J.H. Veitch 1889**

**Paphiopedilum caricinum (Lindl. & Paxton) Pfitzer 1895**

**Paphiopedilum ecuadorense (Garay) V.A.Albert & Börge Pett. 1994**

**Paphiopedilum pearcei (Rchb.f.) V.A.Albert & Börge Pett. 1994**

**Phragmipedium caricinum (Lindl. & Paxton) Rolfe 1896**

**Phragmipedium ecuadorense Garay 1978**

**Phragmipedium pearcei var. ecuadorense (Garay) C.Cash ex O.Gruss 1994**

**Phragmopedilum caricinum Rolfe ex Pfitzer 1903**

**Selenipedium longifolium Rchb.f 1854**

**Selenipedium caricinum (Lindl. & Paxton) Rchb. f. 1854**

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**AOS Awards:**

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| **AM** | **HCC** | **CCE** | **CCM** | **CBM** | **CHM** |  | **CBR** | **Total** |
| **4** | **12** | **1** | **7** | **1** | **1** |  | **1** | **27** |

**Hybrids: Total of 122 registered, to the 4th generation**

*Phrag.* Green Hornet (*P. longifolium x P. pearcii*) 50% each, only 1 award, HCC of 79 pts., used 17 times in hybridizing, Phrag. Red Flare (P. longifolium x P. Memoria Dick Clements) is the only awarded offspring with 3 AM’s.

*Phrag*. Taras *(P. pearcii x P. boissierianum*) 50% each, no awards, used 15 times in hybridizing, registered in 2003.

*Phrag*. Carol Kanzer (*P. pearcii x P. schlimii*) 50% each, 6 awards; 1 AM, 4 HCC’s and 1 CCM, used 8 times in hybridizing, highest award was P. Carol Kanzer ‘Michael’ CCM with 85 points, 24 flowers, 22 buds on 16 inflorescences in 2003, most recent award was in 2017 Phrag. Carol Kanzer ‘Beepaw’ HCC 77 points, 11 flowers, 7 buds on 10 inflorescences.

*Phrag.* Euca-Bess *(P. ecuadorense x P. besseae*) 50% each, 8 awards; 3 AM’s, 4 HCC’s, 1 AD, hybridized 5 times, no awards.

*Phrag*. Cape Gold Nugget (*P. pearcii x P. Eric Young*) 50% each, 2 awards, CCM and AM, used 5 times, none have any offspring, one has 3 awards, an AM and 2 HCC *Phrag*. Haroldeen Quintal (*P.* Cape Gold Nugget x *P*. *schlimii*).

**References:**

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