

Section Dendrobium

The section Dendrobium includes about 50 - 60 species distributed from India to New Guinea and Australia in the east and Japan and Korea in the north. The center of distribution lies in the area from India to Indochina including China and Thailand.

They are mostly epiphytic plants of low to moderate altitude in areas which a distinct dry season.

The stems are of moderate length and often swollen into club-shaped pseudobulbs. The leaves are borne along the upper two thirds of the stem and are usually deciduous after a year. There is a leaf sheath. The flowers are produced from the apical part of the stem on long or short inflorescences in the dry season. The lip is entire and there is a short mentum. The flowers are often large and showy. (Lavarack et. al 2006).