

Building Block

***Miltonia moreliana* A.Rich., Portef. Hort. 2: 38 (1848).**

Morel's Miltonia [French Orchid Nursery near Paris 1800's]

Synonyms

- *Miltonia spectabilis* var. *moreliana* (A.Rich.) Henfr., *Gard. Mag. Bot.* 3: 41 (1851).
- *Heterotypic Synonyms:*
- *Miltonia moreliana* var. *atrorubens* B.S.Williams, *Orch.-Grow. Man.*, ed. 2: 119 (1862).
- *Miltonia morelii* B.S.Williams, *Orch.-Grow. Man.*, ed. 2: 119 (1862), orth. var.
- *Miltonia rosea* Verschaff. ex Lem., *Ill. Hort.* 14: t. 524 (1867).
- *Miltonia warneri* G.Nicholson, *Ill. Dict. Gard.* 2: 369 (1886).
- *Miltonia spectabilis* var. *atrorubens* Rolfe, *Orchid Rev.* 2: 350 (1894).

Miltonia moreliana for years has been known as *Milt. spectabilis* var *moreliana* and even though the current name was described in 1848 it has just become accepted as a separate species

This single flower species can be found in Venezuela and southeastern Bahia, Espirito Santo, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo states of Brazil, growing as epiphyte.

Milt. moreliana has deepest plum purple segments and brilliant purple lip. (Miranda 2019).

Many hybrid *Miltonia* notably those with *Milt. moreliana* in their background, show off highly saturated multicolored flowers which usually reappear in their hybrids. (Rohrl 2004).

It is important to mention that there were tetraploid cultivars available. In 2019, *Milt. moreliana* 'Beule's Big one' FCC/AOS earned The James and Marie Riopelle Award for species or hybrid *Miltonia* or *Miltoniopsis*, cited the exhibitor, Richard Rothschild, "I give half the credit to the 4n breeding accomplished by RF Orchid and the other half to the plant culture possible in my unique growing microclimate in the Los Feliz hills, directly under Griffith Park Observatory in Los Angeles". (Dusdeker 2021).



Miltonia moreliana 'Beule's Big One' FCC/AOS (92 points)

Photo by Arthur Pinkers

According to OrchidWiz x8.2, *Milt. moreliana* had 40 offspring (First generation) and 92 Total progenies. Regarding AOS awards there are 2 JC, **7 FCC**, 40 AM, 12 HCC and 12 CCM.



Miltonia moreliana 'Surprised Too' FCC/AOS (90 points)

Photo by Arnold Gum



Miltonia moreliana 'Emily' AM/AOS (83 points)

Photo by Ernest Walters

As a negative aspect could be the back-reflexing petals due by their papery tissue consistent of the petals' edge.

Miltonia moreliana 'Krull-Smith' AM/AOS (84 points)

Photo by: Ernest Walters



Miltonia moreliana 'Big Ben' FCC/AOC (90 points)



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