Rodrumnia

The grex is compound by the cross of *Rodriguezia* and *Tolumnia* members. This group was created because the migration of some *Oncidium* members to *Tolumnia*.

Regarding intergeneric crosses, compatibility give some light regarding genetic relationship. *Rodriguezia* species seems crossed easily with *Tolumnia* and it was expected W. W. G. Moir started with *Rodrumnia* Twyla (*Tolumnia tetrapetala* x *Rdza. lanceolata*) and *Rodrumnia* Joy (*Tolu. triqueta* x *Rdza. venusta*), unfortunately there are not pictures, not awards and not further used for producing hybrids.

Moir also bred *Rrm.* Beauty Spots (*Tolu. pulchella* x *Rdza.* Burgundy), a novelty hybrid, which he then crossed with *Tolu.* Phyllis Hetfield to give *Rrm.* Phyllis. Almost all of the hundreds of *Rodrumnia* hybrids trace back to *Rrm.* Phyllis, *Rrm.* Beauty Spots and *Rodriguezia* Burgundy.

Rodriguezia was first introduced into equitant breeding via Rdza. Burgundy as one of the parents of Rrm. Beauty Spots, made by Perreira in 1975. Virtually all of the "Rodricidium", now Rodrumnia for the next five generations were descended from Rrm. Beauty Spots, meaning the Rodriguezia influence was essentially reduced by half in each succeeding generation. When the Rodriguezia fell significantly below 25 percent, its influence was no longer visible, and the flowers became indistinguishable from straight Tolumnia equitants. The reintroduction of Rodriguezia into the breeding of equitants can be vividly seen in Rodrumnia Orchidom Showtime (Tolu. Fan Dancer x Rdza Whitewater), registered in 2000, and Rodrumnia Orchidom Royal Red (Tolu. Orchidom My Gold x Rdza Whitewater), registered in 2006, both of which are 50 percent Tolumnia and 50 percent Rodriguezia. Fullness comes from Tolumnia, which also flattens out the pronounced cupping of the Rodriguezia, while flower size is substantially increased beyond even that of the Rodriguezia parent. (Cole 2012).



Rodrumnia Sunrise Hollow 'Autumn Blaze ' HCC/AOS (76 points) Rodrumnia Seneca Hollow x Rodrumnia Apple Hollow

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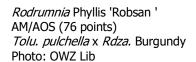
Rodrumnia Walnut Valley Cherry 'M & B Big Pink' AM/AOS (80 points)
Rodrumnia Mill Hollow x Rodrumnia Cherry Hollow Photo: Bryon Rinke





Rodrumnia Orchidom Marian 'Harford' AM/AOS (82 points) Tolumnia First Love x Rodrumnia Marian Miller

Photo: Bryan Ramsay





To judge Rodrumnia I would suggest using the Miltonia, or general scale

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