

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
Photo: Ed Cott

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

Rodrumnia Phyllis 'Robsan '
AM/AOS (76 points)
Tolu. pulchella x *Rdza. Burgundy*
Photo: OWZ Lib



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

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