

Oncidesa (Gomesa x Oncidium)

The grex is compound by the cross of *Gomesa* and *Oncidium*. Most of the *Oncidium* Brazillian were move to *Gomesa*. The members of Tolumnia used to belong to *Oncidium*, so there are *Oncidesa* that no longer exist.

Moir recommended to observed and study the environment where the species inhabit in order to get the best of the growth habit for breeding. He anticipated the species migration of *Oncidium* and divided it by section.

Most of the *Gomesa* and *Oncidium* have 56 chromosomes.

According to OrchidWiz X9.1, *Oncidesa* Sweet Sugar (*Oncsa*. Aloha Iwanaga x *Gomesa varicosa*), shown the most crosses first generation. Since *Gomesa* are compact, short inflorescence, *Oncidium* may improve flower arrangement with the addition of long inflorescence.



Oncidesa Sweet Sugar 'Lisa' CCM/AOS (80 points)
(*Oncidesa* Aloha Iwanaga x *Gomesa varicosa*)
Photo: Charles Fitch

The most awarded Oncidesa is Oncsa. Grower Ramsey (Oncsa. Goldiana x Oncsa. Guinea Gold). They earned 3 AM, 2 HCC and 2 JC. One JC was commended because peloric form with smaller growth habit and the other got plant habit studier than normal indicating possible higher ploidy.



Oncidesa Gower Ramsey 'Philippe Leblond' CCE/AOS (90 points)
Oncidesa Goldiana x Oncidesa Guinea Gold
 Photo: Michael MacConnail

Other important members are Oncsa. Gold Coin Butte (*Oncidium oblongatum* x *Gom. forbesii*), 15 offspring, first generation and 20 total progenies. It listed 4 AOS awards (2 AM and 2 HCC).



Gomesa forbesii
 Photo: John Hutchinson



Oncidium oblongatum
 Photo: Michael Blietz



Oncidium Gold Coin Butte 'George' HCC/AOS (77 points)
Oncidium oblongatum x Gomesa forbesii

Oncidium oblongatum impart a nice wide ruffle lip, while the dorsal sepals and petals shape and colors were inheriting from *Gomesa forbesii*.

Oncsa. Makalii (*Onc. maculatum* x *Gom. sarcodes*), pictures below shown the yellow background of the parents combining with dark brown marking, the shape of this hybrids seems well balanced compared to the ancestors.



Oncidesa Makalii 'Gotoh'
Photo: Weyman Bussey



Oncidium maculatum
'Kangaroo Lake'
HCC/OSCOV
Photo by Orch. Society
Council of Victoria



Gomesa sarcodes
Photo by John Varigos

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

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