

Psychopsis

Type species *Psychopsis papilio*

Psychopsis species bear unmistakable butterfly flower shape, the genus as a whole is commonly called the butterfly orchid. In the past they were part of the *Oncidium* genus. Currently just four species belong to the genus *Psychopsis*.

These small to large tightly, clustered plants have strongly compressed, often ridged, wrinkled, oval, oblong and almost round, often dull red pseudobulbs, subtended by distichous sheaths, each with a solitary, eventually deciduous, leathery leaf heavily mottled or spotted purple-red, red or dark green. The exceptionally large, butterfly-like yellow flowers, borne on a long, gracefully arching inflorescence, are tiger striped in brick red and emerge one at a time over an extended period. The dull to vibrant red-brown flowers have erect, long, very narrow dorsal sepal and petals have wavy margins. The heavily striped yellow, trilobed lip has small, rounded side lobes, the broadly clawed midlobe has a wavy margin and a basal, tuberculate pad of tissue covered with oil. The flowers have an erect to straight footless column with two pairs of wings. (Higgins 2016).

Names	Progeny F1/Total	FCC	AM	HCC	JC	AD	AQ	CCE	CCM	CHM	CBR	CBM	Total
<i>Psychopsis krameriana</i>	12/25		7	3					3				13
<i>Psychopsis papilio</i>	26/41	4	33	23	3			1	13			1	78
<i>Psychopsis sanderae</i>	7/21									1			1
<i>Psychopsis versteegiana</i>	6/8			1						1			2

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