

Building Block Species Report

***Mormodes badia* Rolfe ex W.Watson**

- *Mormodes badia* var. *lutea* Rolfe ex W.Watson in Gard. & Forest 10: 54 (1897)

Mormodes badia, endemic to Mexico on the central Pacific coast in Nayarit and Jalisco states, grow epiphytically on decaying wood of oaks and other trees at elevations of 300 to 1700 meters.

The plant is medium sized with ovoid to ovoid-fusiform pseudobulbs enveloped basally by several white. The acuminate leaves are oblanceolate to narrowly elliptic

Flowers blooms in the late fall and winter. The inflorescence is racemose and can bear 10 to 25 flowers of about 2 inches (5 cm.). The length of the ascending inflorescence is approximately 18 inches (40 cm) and arises from the mid-section of a mature leafless pseudobulb and has showy, simultaneously opening, fragrant flowers, after all the leaves have yellowed and fallen off.

According to OrchidWiz X9.1 *Morm. badia* has 21 offspring first generation. It had been used throughout 4 generations with 54 total progenies. *Morm. badia* had been awarded 4 times. 2 CHM/AOS and 2 under TOGA.

Cygd. Jumbo Puff (*Cycnoches warscewiczii* x *Morm. badia*) received 31 awards internationally and 12 AOS awards. *Cycnoches warscewiczii* impart flatness to its flowers and *Morm. badia* increase number of flowers. The yellow color seems also enhanced.



Cycnodes Jumbo Puff 'Hubbubah' AM/AOS (86 points)
Cycnoches warscewiczii x *Mormodes badia*
Photo: Greg Allikas

Another very interesting cross is *Cycnodes* Taiwan Gold (*Cyc. chlorochilon* x *Morm. badia*). Most of the plants awarded are chartreuse but there are two with base chartreuse and cinnamon or orange suffusion.



Cycnodes Taiwan Gold 'Linda's Gold' AM/AOS (84 points)
Cycnoches chlorochilon x *Mormodes badia*

Photo: Tom Kuligowski



Cycnodes Taiwan Gold 'Rainbow Bay Joni' AM/AOS (85 points)
Cycnoches chlorochilon x *Mormodes badia*

Photo: Jim Tear



Mormodes badia 'JH101'
TRO/TOGA
Photo: OrchidWiz/TOGA collection



Mormodes badia 'Joan'
CHM/AOS
Photo: Ramon de los Santos

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