

## Species Report

### ***Maxillaria tenuifolia* Lindl.**

#### **Synonyms**

- *Maxillariella tenuifolia* (Lindl.) M.A.Blanco & Carnevali in Lankesteriana 7: 530 (2007)
- *Maxillaria gracilifolia* Kraenzl. in Mitt. Inst. Allg. Bot. Hamburg 6: 420 (1927)

*Maxillaria tenuifolia* ranges from México south to Nicaragua at elevations up to 4,000 feet (1,220 m.) and it found growing epiphytically on trees. Flowers are red and the coconut fragrance is one of the main features.

According to OrchidWiz X9.1, *Max. tenuifolia* is the most awarded species among *Maxillarias*. It earned 76 awards and it has 6 offspring, first generation.

The primary hybrid *Max. Maui Coconut* (*Max. sanguinea* x *Max. tenuifolia*) earned 5 AOS awards, 1 AM, 1 HCC and 3 CCM. Flowers form are similar than *Max. sanguinea* and the plant as expected is floriferous, showing a nice display.



*Maxillaria* Maui Coconut 'Ponce' HCC/AOS (79 points)  
*Maxillaria sanguinea* x *Maxillaria tenuifolia*

Another interesting cross is *Max. Memoria Ben Berliner* (*Max. variabilis* x *Max. tenuifolia*) awarded in 2018 with an AM (84 points), this golden yellow flower gets an impressive spotted mahogany like an old negative photo.



*Maxillaria* Memoria Ben Berliner 'Yellow Cape' AM/AOS (84 points)

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