

## Species Report

### ***Dracula bella* (Rchb.f.) Luer**

*Dracula bella* grow in several locations in the northern part of the Western Cordillera. They have been collected in the Departamento of Antioquia near Cañas gordas and Frontino, in the Departamento of Chocó at Vereda Guangarales, and in the Departamento of Risaralda. (Charles Baker).

According to OrchidWiz X9.1 *Drac. bella* had been used for producing 9 offspring first generation and 16 total progenies. Also, there are 23 AOS awards.

*Drac. Quasimodo* (*Drac. gigas* x *Drac. bella*) was a successful cross having 7 offspring and it was AOS awarded ten times.

*Drac. Café Mocha* (*Drac. Quasimodo* x *Drac. tubeana*) is a second-generation hybrid that combines the *Dracula bella* traits with the more solidly marked *Drac. tubeana*. (Gettel 1998).



*Dracula* Quasimodo 'Sanctuary' CCM/AOS 83 Points  
Photo by Vern McFarland

It seems that *Dracula* species can be produced spontaneous hybrids in a greenhouse. Some hybrids between *Drac. bella* and *Drac. chimaera* was produced without any human interaction on the bench of a greenhouse in Colombia. (Luer and Escobar 1989).

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