

**Descriptive Terminology
for
Orchid Judging
Letters B, D, & E**

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Term	Definition	# Times Used
baccate	pulpy, fleshy	0
bascillaris	rod/stickshape	0
banded	horizontal lines of color	5
barbatus	bearded	1
basal	at or near at the base	12,653
basifixed	attached @ base	0
basitonic	base of anther	0
beaked	prolonged slender tip	20
bells	having beauty	186
benchmark	a standard	9
bicallose	2 callosities	1
bidentate	2 teeth	3
brachiatus	branched	0
bract	modified leaf cover over developing stems/flowers	796
bracteatus	having bracts	4
bracteiform	shape & form of a bract	0
bracteole	a small bract	0
bracteosus	having bracts or the tendency to develop them	0
branchlet	one of the divisions of a branch	1
brevis	short, abbreviated	24
brevifolius	short leaved	0
brevisscapus	having a short escape or flower stalk	0

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bristle	a stiff, slender hair or any slender body resembling a hair	74
bristly	provided with bristles	8
brumalis	winter flowering	0
brunneus	brown or russet colored	0
bursicle	a pouch-like receptacle	0
dactyloides	appearance of fingers	0
debilis	weak or frail	0
deciduous	falling at the end of one season of growth	104
declinate	bent or curved downward to forward	5
decurved	curved downward	9
deflexus	bent or turned abruptly downward	0
defoliation	to cause the leaves to fall	0
delicatus	being tender or delicate	0
deltoideus	broadly triangular in shape	0
dendroideus	shaped like a tree	0
densiflorus	with flowers densely clustered	0
densifolius	heavy or compact foliage	0
densus	thick or compact	0
dentatus	having teeth	0
depauperatus	stunted or imperfectly developed	0
denticulatus	minutely toothed; slightly dentate	0
depressus	somewhat flattened above; pressed down	0
dependens	hanging down	7
determinate	with a definite number; in an inflorescence with a single terminal flower opening before those below	23
diandrous	having two stamens	0
diaphanus	light, delicate and almost transparent	2

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dichromus	of two distinct colors	0
diffusus	widely or loosely spreading; open	0
digitatus	finger-like	0
dilatatus	widening or spreading out	0
dimorphus	occurring in two forms such as leaves, flowers or fruits of dissimilar form on the same plant.	0
dipterus	possessing two wings	0
disc	a rounded and flattened structure on the basal or median part of the labellum	550
discolor	of two different colors	112
distal	away from the point of attachment	12,212
distichus	in two vertical rows or ranks within a single plane	2
divisus	divided or lobes at the base	0
dixanthus	with flowers of two shades of yellow	0
dulcis	sweet	0
dumosus	low and bushy	0
ebracteatus	without bracts	0
ebumeus	white, like ivory	0
ecalcarate	lacking calcar or spur	0
ecallose	without hard protuberances or callosities	0
ecornutus	without horns	0
edentate	without teeth	0
elegans	graceful in appearance, excellent	49
ellipsoid	solid but with an elliptical outline	7
elliptical	with the form of an ellipse, rounded almost equally at both ends	328
elongate	stretched out in length	448
epigynous	said of a flower in which the floral parts arise from the top of the ovary	0

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epseudobulbous	lacking pseudobulbs	0
equals	equal; even	1
equestris	pertaining to a horse; handsome like a knight	167
erectus	upright, erect	0
erinaceus	spiny like a hedgehog	0
erosus	having an irregular margin as if chewed	5
erostrate	lacking a beak	0
erubescens	becoming rosy red; with a blush	0
estriatus	without stripes	0
evanescent	short lived	0
evectus	stately in appearance	0
exasperatus	having a rough surface	4
excentric	off-centered or one-sided	1
excelsus	Tall	0
eximius	select, extraordinary; excellent	0
exine	the outer coat of a pollen grain	99
exotic	foreign, not native, strange	478
expansus	an increase in size, to spread out	0
exsiccated	dried or giving that appearance	0
extrorse	facing outward	0
exudans	to sweat out, gradually ooze out	0