There are some specific terms used in writing Tolumnia Award Descriptions. In describing the sepals, the **fusion** of the **lateral sepals** is often noted. The petals and dorsal sepals are often similarly colored and patterned and are often described in the same sentence. The lip of Tolumnia is often **trilobed** with two smaller **side lobes** above the larger **midlobe**. The lip exhibits an elevated, often toothed ridge, below the column called the **callus** or **crest**. This structure is often distinctly colored. The lip often displays a central, variously shaped, splash of color called the **mask**. The column has lateral protrusions or **wings**. The leaves of Tolumnia grow in a flat planer arrangement referred to as **equitant**, hence the old name of **Equitant Oncidiums**.