**Cycnoches**

Cycnoches Lindl., *Gen. Sp. Orchid. Pl*., 154 (1833).

Type species: *Cycnoches loddigesii* Lindl.

Derivation of Name: From the Greek *kyknos*, swan, and *auchen*, neck, in reference to the elongated, slender, and arcuate column of the staminate ﬂowers.

Description: Epiphytic or rarely terrestrial herbs. Pseudobulbs of several internodes, fusiform-cylindric; when young entirely concealed by distichous, scarious sheaths, eventually naked. Leaves several, distichous, convolute, plicate, articulate, deciduous at end of growing season. lnﬂorescences one to several, lateral, arising from base of apical internodes, arching or pendent. Flowers non-resupinate, unisexual, staminate and pistillate ones often sexually dimorphic, rarely also with polymorphic intermediate ones; bracts lanceolate, funnel-shaped. Staminate flowers whitish green or various colours, spotted or not; sepals and petals membranous, lateral sepals strongly reﬂexed or not; /aha//um sessile or clawed, margin with finger-like, clavate processes or not; disc ventricose, ﬂeshy thickened or sometimes thin, concave; column elongate, arched, terete, slender~clavate, with a conspicuous foot; anther ventral, operculate, unilocular, membranous, pollinarium with two yellow pollinia, cartilaginous, spherical, with a semitubular tegula, and a large, adhesive, circular or elliptic viscidium. Pistilate flowers whitish green or green; sepals and petals ﬂeshy, strongly reﬂexed; labellum ventricose, ﬂeshy-thickened, whitish or greenish; mlumn shorter than that on staminate ﬂowers, thick-clavate, with a conspicuous foot; anther and pollinarium poorly developed, deciduous at anthesis; stigma a narrow transverse cleft near apex. Intermediate ﬂower: mostly sterile, their colour and morphology a continuum between pistillate and staminate ﬂowers.

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