**BUILDING BLOCK DATA**



 **Species *Dracula vampira*** Luer (Luer)

Distribution: Ecuador, western slopes of Mount Pichincha, Pichincha Province/

Habitat: Cloud Forest at 5900 – 7200 ft.. Plants are common in good habitat.

**Synonyms*: Masdevallia vampire*** Luer

**Awards:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Origin | HCC | AM | FCC | JC | CHM | CCM | Total |
|  | **2** | **12** | **3** |  |  | **2** | **19** |
| Years | **1983-2011** | **1983-2015** | **1978-2004** |  |  | **1984 - 1992** |  |

**Other awards and when given:**

**Hybrids: F-1**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Before 1940 | 1940-49 | 1950-59 | 1960-69 | 1970-79 | 1980-89 | 1990-99 | After 1999 |
| **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **5** | **15** |

In primary crosses, *Dracula vampira* has been the seed parent 9 times and pollen parent 4 times. The most awarded primary, with *Dracula robledorum*, is Dracula Nightshade with 5 awards. Following close behind is Dracula Transilvania ( with *Dracula gigas*) with 3 awards.

**Hybrids: Progeny**

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| Before 1940 | 1940-49 | 1950-59 | 1960-69 | 1970-79 | 1980-89 | 1990-99 | After 1999 |
| **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **5** | **18** |

*Dracula vampira* hybridizes with Masdevallia and Porroglossum. All of its hybrids, are first and second generation.

**Outstanding progeny and reason they are considered outstanding:**

**Dracula Ravin FCC/AOS**



This is a Primary with *Dracula roezlii*. It has 7 AOS awardsincluding an FCC in2016. The FCC had 2 flowers and 12 buds on 14 inflorescences, an amazing feat considering the difficulty of growing these and getting them to a show intact.

**Dracula Phantom AM/AOS**

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This is another Primary, this time with *Dracula tubeana*. This cross received 5 AOS awards including 2 AM, 2 HCC and a CCM. None of the Draculas are particularly prolific. This grex has only one progeny with *Dracula polycrater* making Dracula Don Garling AM/AOS

**Desirable characteristics which can be passed to progeny:**

Deep, rick purple coloration, nice striping, fantastic symmetrical form.

**Undesirable characteristics which can be passed to progeny:**

Extremely intolerant of heat and changes in environment, Difficult getting these to judging.

**Other information:**

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