Vanda insignis (Kraenzl.) Blume 1849

The Grand Vanda



**Synonyms**

*Vanda insularum* (Christenson) L.M.Gardiner 20123

**Description**

A medium sized, hot to warm growing, monopodial epiphyte with suberect stems carrying linear-ligulate, recurved leaves that blooms in the summer on a pendant, to 7 1/4" [18 cm] long, sometimes branched, shorter to as long as the the leaves, few [8] flowered inflorescence carrying sweetly scented flowers. 3

The inflorescences bear 4-7 flowers, measuring 5-6.5 cm (2-2.5 in) across. The sepals and petals are much recurved. Their color is tawny yellow with brown blotches that coalesce toward the sepal and petal edges. The lip is one of the largest in the genus. It has two white side lobes; the midlobe is mauve or rose-purple, broad and almost flat, though somewhat upcurved near the rounded tip, giving it the appearance of the blade of a shovel. According to Holttum (1972, 724), it flowers well in both the mountains and lowlands of Java, but not so well in the uniform climate of Singapore. 1

**Range**

Moluccas, Timor, Malayan Archipelago, Java, at low elevations, on small trees with little shade. 1

Indonesia in the Mulches Islands and Timor. Although this species reportedly grows on Java, Comer (1990) did not indicate its occurrence on that island. Plants are found at low elevations on small trees with little shade. -- Source: Charles Baker 4

**Awards**

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| AM | HCC | JC | CCM | CBM | CHM | FCC |  | Total |
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**Hybrids**

Seventy-one F-1 hybrids have been registered since 1936, the most recent 3 in 2019. Vanda insignis has 538 progeny in 6 generations.

 

Vanda YolandaUlrich AM/AOS Vanda Happy Smile AM/AOS

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