Phalaenanthe Section of the Genus Dendrobium – Characteristics

Stems clustered, cane-like, fleshy, with 3-9 leaves apically, not branching, with limited apical growth. Leaves with a tubular sheath at base. Inflorescences elongate, erect, few- to many-flowered. Flowers showy, white-mauve-purple, infrequently bicoloured, with broad petals, mentum bibbed in lateral view, with an abruptly narrowed, spur-like apical part. Labellum adnate to column foot, forming a narrow conical spur, abruptly wid-ened above spur, trilobed, with low ridges and hair-like papillae basally. Two species from the Lesser Sunda Islands, Moluccas, New Guinea, and Australia.

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