Section Dendrobium Lindley 1844

Dendrobium Section Dendrobium was described in 1844. It is the type section for the genus as it contains the type species *D. moniliforme*. The section includes 50 to 60 species distributed from India to New Guinea and Australia and north to Japan and Korea. The center of distribution is Burma to Indochina. Most are low to moderate elevation epiphytes. The characteristics are stems swollen to form club-shaped pseudobulbs. The upper two thirds of stems produce leaves which are deciduous after a year. Flowers are born apically on long or short inflorescences. The flowers have an unlobed lip and bloom in the dry season.