**GENUS SUMMARY**

Promenaea Lindl. 1843

[Pro-men-EYE-ah]

**General Description**

Various botanists list this genus as being native to the lowlands of Brazil in the intermediate to warm-growing climate. All species are diminutive and grow as epiphytes in moist forest and care should be taken not avoid allowing plants to completely dry out. Early publications mention 4-6 species, most recently 22. Intergeneric hybrids are being created with Zygopetalum, Colax, Cochleanthes, Chondrorhyncha, etc. The two most well-known species are **P. *xanthina*** (yellow) and **P*. stapelioides*** (spotted and barred wine-red). The resulting hybrid is ***Promenaea*Crawshayana**.



Promenaea *stapellioides* ‘Killer Bees’ AM/AOS, 80 points, 2003

photography by James Osen

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Promenaea *xanthina* ‘Light Year’ CCM/AOS, 84 points, 2004

Photography by unknown



Promenaea *silvana* “Ben’ CHM/AOS, 84 points, 2002

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Distribution of Promenaea image from Royal Botanical Gardens Kew

**Native**

Brazil Northeast, Brazil South, Brazil Southeast

**Accepted Species**

[Promenaea stapelioides (Link & Otto) Lindl.](https://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn%3Alsid%3Aipni.org%3Anames%3A655072-1)

Currently the WCSP recognizes 16 species and 2 varieties. (2/2020)

**Type Species**

Several species were cited by Lindley when he described Promenaea.

**Promenaea Species Awards**

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|  | FCC | AM | HCC | AQ | JC | CCM | CCE | CHM | CBM | CBR | TOTAL |
| *~albescens, rollissonii, ~citrina,* *~lentiginosa, ~paranaensis var. albescens, paulensis, ~riograndensis* | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3 | 6 |
| *florida* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| *guttata* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| *ovatiloba* | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| *silvana* | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| *\*stapelioides* | - | 6 | 2 | - | 2 | 6 | - | - | 1 | - | 17 |
| *\*xanthina* | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | 17 |

**Promenaea Species Offspring and Progeny**

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|  | F1 Offspring | Progeny |
| *acuminata* | 0 | 0 |
| *~albescens, rollissonii, ~citrina,* *~lentiginosa, ~paranaensis var. albescens, paulensis, ~riograndensis* | 5 | 22 |
| *catharinensis* | 0 | 0 |
| *dusenii* | 0 | 0 |
| *florida* | 0 | 0 |
| *fuerstenbergiana* | 0 | 0 |
| *guttata* | 5 | 12 |
| *malmquistiana* | 0 | 0 |
| *microptera* | 0 | 0 |
| *nigricans* | 0 | 0 |
| *ovatiloba* | 3 | 22 |
| *paranaensis* | 0 | 0 |
| *silvana* | 0 | 0 |
| *sincorana* | 0 | 0 |
| *\** *stapelioides* | 22 | 92 |
| *viridiflora* | 0 | 0 |
| *\* xanthina* | 21 | 121 |

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