Bulbophyllum bicolor Lindl. 1830

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Nickname: The two colored Bulbophyllum

ORIGIN/HABITAT: China. Found near Hong Kong in the New Territories. Habitat elevation was not reported, so the following climate table and cultural suggestions are based on an estimated elevation and should be used rather cautiously. -- Source: Charles Baker



Natural Habitat by Kew

Native to: China South-Central, China Southeast, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam

Homotypic Synonyms

[*Cirrhopetalum bicolor* (Lindl.) Rolfe](https://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:623166-1) in J. Linn. Soc., Bot. 36: 14 (1903)

[*Phyllorkis bicolor* (Lindl.) Kuntze](https://powo.science.kew.org/taxon/urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:651030-1) in Revis. Gen. Pl. 2: 677 (1891)

PSEUDOBULB/STEM: 0.8 in. (2 cm) long by 0.5 in (1.2 cm) in diameter. The small pseudobulbs are mostly oval in shape.

LEAVES: About 4.3 in. (11 cm) long by 0.8 in. (2 cm) wide. A single, narrowly oval leaf is held in an erect position at the apex of each pseudobulb. It is rather flat, has a rounded tip, and narrows at the base into a slender petiole that is about 0.7 in. (1.7 cm) long.

INFLORESCENCE: 1.8 in. (4.5 cm) long. The slender, erect to ascending flower spike emerges from the base of the pseudobulb. Flowers are carried in an umbel at the apex of the spike, each with a pedicellate ovary that is about 0.4 in. (1 cm) long.



Bulbophyllum *bicolor*  ‘Windy Hill” AM/AOS, 87 points, 2009

Photography Craig Plahn

**AOS Awards:**

Bulbophyllum *bicolor*

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|  | FCC | AM | HCC | AQ | JC | CCM | CCE | CHM | CBM | CBR | TOTAL |
| AOS | - | 6 | 2 | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 12 |
| Years Awarded |  | 1999  -  2017 | 2007  -  2016 |  |  | 2012  2012 | 2009 | 1995 |  |  |  |

**Hybrids**

Of the twenty-one Bulbophyllum *bicolor hybrid*s registered in the F1 generation one was registered in 1998 and the rest after 2000.

The Bulbophyllum *bicolor* hybrids two appear to have the highest number of awards. The first is Bulbophyllum Stars and Stripes (*bicolor* x *lobbii*), which was originated by registered in 1998 by B. Thomas. Bulbophyllum Stars and Stripes has seven AOS awards (CCM - 1; HCC – 4, and AM - 2 ).

A yellow flower with green leaves

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Bulbophyllum Stars and Stripes ‘Sunset Valley Orchids’ HCC/AOS, 79 points, 2004

Photography by Fred Clark

The second Bulbophyllum *bicolor* hybrid that has six awards is Bulbophyllum Tree Frog, which is (*bicolor* x *macrobulbum*). Bulbophyllum Tree Frog was originated by unknown and registered in Krull Smith Orchids in 2020. Bulbophyllum Tree Frog has six AOS awards (FCC - 2; HCC – 1, and AM - 4 ).

Close up of a flower

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Bulbophyllum Tree Frog

Photography by Mark Duttweiler

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