

SPECIES DATA SHEET

Cypripedium fasciolatum Franch. 1894
Section Cypripedium



Cypripedium fasciolatum
'Cove's End Again'
AM-82 points
April 20, 2014

General Information:

This Chinese endemic species is one of the most impressive of the *Cypripediums*. For quite some time, the true identity of *Cypripedium fasciolatum* remained blurred. Adrien Franchet (1894) and others confused this species with other “look alikes”. It wasn't until the 1980's when botanists reexamined the type and proper isotypes of *Cypripedium fasciolatum* that it was determined to be a true species.

This species occurs from easternmost Tibet over west and north Sichuan to north Chongqing and west Hubei, and likely also in the adjacent regions of south Gansu and south Shaanxi and northwest Guizhou.

General Description:

This species has a large flower, usually 5 to 6 inches (12.5 to 15 cm) in diameter with a lip the size of a hen's egg. The flower is normally yellow with intensive dark magenta-red striping inside the lip and purplish to maroon stripes on the sepals and petals, thus its scientific name meaning “striped lady's-slipper” The flower to stem

size is in good proportion, with the plants usually reaching a height of 12 to 16 inches (30 to 40 cm). This plant usually grows in small scattered groups or denser populations, rarely only as single specimens. The species is not bound to limestone but nonetheless grows in relatively well buffered soil.

Cribb has mentioned an unpleasant odor for the species, but it seems confined to slightly aged and older flowers. Freshly opened ones actually emit a rather pleasant rose like fragrance.

Botanical Varieties (if any)

None

Synonyms:

Cypripedium wilsonii Rolfe 1906

Cypripedium lang-rhoa Gattef. 1918

Awards:

This species has been awarded by the AOS two times during 2014 (AM-1; CHM-1).

Hybrids:

Cypripedium fasciolatum has 27 First Generation offspring and 46 Total Progeny. One of the Primary Hybrids with the most offspring is *Cypripedium* Sabine



***Cypripedium* Sabine
'Littlefrog Experiment'
HCC-75 points
February 27, 2016**

(*Cypripedium fasciolatum* x *Cypripedium macranthos*) with 12 Total Progeny and five AOS awards during the period 2009 through 2018 (AM-3; HCC-2).

This species has been used in 22 Primary Hybrids.

References:

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