

SPECIES DATA SHEET

Cypripedium tibeticum King ex Rolfe 1892
Section Cypripedium



Cypripedium tibeticum
'Woodside'
AM-82 points
April 1, 2014

General Information:

This species is found in the Chinese Himalayas, Sichuan China, Bhutan, Assam India and the eastern Himalayas at elevations of 2,200 to 4,500 meters in open montane meadows, at the edge of coniferous and mixed woodlands, on open limestone ledges and screes.

General Description:

Cypripedium tibeticum is a small sized, cool to cold growing terrestrial with an erect, glabrous, leafy stem enveloped completely by 3 tubular, acuminate sheaths. The species carries up to 3 orbicular to elliptic-ovate, obtuse to acute, ciliate leaves. The flowers bloom in the late spring and early summer on a short, drooping, single flowered inflorescence arising before the leaves mature. The inflorescence has an elongate, elliptic to ovate-lanceolate, acute to acuminate floral bract that is longer than the pedicel and has a drooping flower of approximately 4 inches (10 cm) wide.

Botanical Varieties (if any)

Cypripedium corrugatum var. *obesum* Franch. 1894
Cypripedium macranthos var. *tibeticum* (King ex Rolfe) Kraenzl. 1897
Cypripedium tibeticum var. *froschii* (Perner) Eccarius 2009

Synonyms:

Cypripedium corrugatum Franch. 1894
Cypripedium languginosum Schltr. 1919
Cypripedium froschii Perner 1999

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:

Perner, Holger, *Cypripediums of China*, *Orchids*, September 2007, page 678 through 685

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