

SPECIES DATA SHEET

Paphiopedilum emersonii (Koopowitz & Cribb) 1986
Subgenus: *Parvisepalum*



Paphiopedilum emersonii

General Information:

Paphiopedilum emersonii is found in the Yunnan province in China and northern Vietnam in primary, semi-deciduous to evergreen, broad-leafed, open, dry forests on very steep slopes and shady cliffs of very eroded crystalline limestone at elevations of 460 to 750 meters.

General Description:

Paphiopedilum emersonii is a small sized, warm to hot growing lithophyte species with 4 to 7, distichous, coriaceous, glossy green above pale green below, ligulate to oblong, acute to obtuse leaves that are distinctly keeled beneath. The species blooms in the late spring on an erect, shorter, to 6" [15 cm] long, single flowered, whitish, pubescent inflorescence subtended by a papery, elliptic, acute shorter than the ovary floral bract and carrying a large flower with a slightly sweet to chocolate scent and was discovered as recently as 1986. This species should be kept wetter year-round and given even fertilizer while growing and a lessening as growth slows.

Paphiopedilum emersonii belongs to the *Parvisepalum* section, exhibiting the characteristic inflated balloon like pouch. Reputed to be a slow grower and a recalcitrant bloomer, this plant bloomed in the spring in a 3" pot on a single growth with a single flowered, pubescent inflorescence that has a papery, elliptic bract. The large size of the bloom is another characteristic of this species, and indeed of this section, and larger growing cultivars can have flowers more than 4" [10 cm] across.

Botanical Varieties (if any)

Paphiopedilum huonglanae (N.T. Tich)

Synonyms:

Paphiopedilum emersonii f. *album* (Gross & Petchl.)

Paphiopedilum emersonii f. *luteum* (Braem)

Awards:

This species has been awarded by the AOS 29 times over the period 1987 through 2017 (FCC-1; AM-20; HCC-7; CCM-1).

Hybrids:

Paphiopedilum emersonii has 75 First Generation offspring, and Total Progeny of 125 (through the 4th generation). This species has also been involved in creating Primary Hybrids 24 times as both the seed and pollen parent.

Paphiopedilum Memoria Larry Heuer was registered in 1991 by Paphanactics and is a cross of *Paph. malipoense* x *Paph emersonii*. The hybrid has 12 First Generation offspring and 22 total progeny. The hybrid has been awarded by AOS 34 times (AM-14; HCC-17; CCE-2; CCM-1).



***Paphiopedilum* Memoria Larry Heuer
'Omaha'
HCC – 79 points
January 12, 2013**

References:

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