

SPECIES DATA SHEET

Paphiopedilum victoria-mariae (Sander ex. Masters) Rolfe 1896
Subgenus: *Cochlopetalum*



Paphiopedilum Victoria-mariae

General Information:

This species was named in honor of the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, who was married to Prince George, Duke of York, who later became King George V. The species is found in south and west Sumatra and grows in pockets of humus and leafy debris on steep wet cliffs of lava at altitudes of up to more than 2,000 meters.

General Description:

This species is a very robust herbaceous humus epiphyte. Leaves are oblong-ligulate, rounded at the apex, emarginate with an apiculus in the sinus, up to 30 cm long by up to 6.5 cm wide. They are green, subtly mottled, and ciliate near the base. The underside is pale bluish green, its basal part flushed with purple. The inflorescence is stout, up to 1 m long, dark purple-brown. Many flowers are produced in sequence over a long period. Usually no more than two flowers are open at one time. The flowers have a natural spread of up to 8 cm long by 9 cm wide. The dorsal is ovate to orbicular, ciliate, long-pubescent on the outside, pale yellow with a green center, streaked with red. It is 2.4 to 3.4 cm wide. The synsepal is ovate, truncate, up to 3 cm long by 2 cm wide, ciliate, long-pubescent on the outside, green. The petals are horizontally spreading, undulate, the apical portion half twisted, reflexed, linear, more or less rounded at the apex, 3.2 to 4.2 cm wide by 1.2 cm wide. They are green, flushed with brown to purple, shortly ciliate. The lip is three-lobed, up to 4.3 cm long by 2.6 cm wide. The finely spotted side lobes are infolded forming a tube. The main lobe is shaped like an inverted helmet, slightly compressed laterally about one-third below the mouth. The margins of the aperture are erect, laterally forming two auricula. The staminode is trullate, curved in its apical section, about 10 mm long by 8 mm wide, dark-purple-brown with a green base and apex.

Botanical Varieties (if any)

Paphiopedilum niveum forma *album* (Ballif) Gross

Synonyms:

Cypripedium chamberlainianum f. *victoria-mariae* Sander ex Rolfe
Cordula victoria-mariae (Sander ex Rolfe) Rolfe

Awards:

This species has been awarded by the AOS 8 times over the period 1965 through 2018 (AM-5; HCC-2; CBM-1).

Hybrids:

Paphiopedilum victoria-mariae has 24 First Generation offspring, and Total Progeny of 25 (through the 2nd generation). This species has also been involved in creating Primary Hybrids 20 times as both the seed and pollen parent.

Paphiopedilum Calvert Sunrise was registered in 2016 by W. Kuhn and is a cross of *Paph. spicerianum* x *Paph. victoria-mariae*. The hybrid has no offspring. The hybrid has been awarded by AOS 5 times (AM-2; HCC-3).



***Paphiopedilum* Calvert Sunrise
'Yvonne'
HCC – 78 points
July 10, 2016**

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