

SPECIES DATA SHEET

Selenipedium chica Rchb. f. 1854



Selenipedium chica
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General Information:

Selenipedium chica is found in Panama, Choco, Cauca and Nariño Colombia, Ecuador and Peru in well drained very humid areas on roadside banks and the floor of woodlands at elevations of 60 to 90 meters.

General Description:

This plant has been described as large to giant sized, hot growing terrestrial with an elongate, pubescent stem. The leaves are very long, acuminate, basally cuneate-oblong, plicate, and narrowly elliptic. This species blooms in the fall on a terminal, erect, densely pubescent, racemose. Many flowered inflorescences are found with a lanceolate, acute floral bract. Flower size is 1 inch [2.5 cm].

Botanical Varieties (if any)

None

Synonyms:

Cypripedium chica (Rchb. f.) 1881

Awards:

This species has been awarded by the AOS once during 2009 (AM-1).

Hybrids:

This species has no offspring.

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