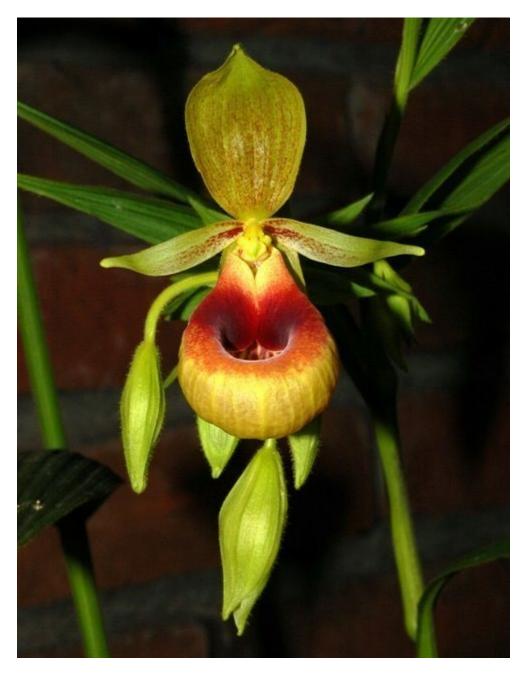
Selenipedium (Rchb. F. 1854)

Genus Summary

Type Species – Selenipedium chica



Selenipedium chica

General Information:

Selenipedium is a genus of about 6 species distributed over a limited area of Central and South America including Panama, northern Brazil, Guyana, Trinidad, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador.

General Description:

Generic characteristics include a branched cane like plant habit, extending up to 4-5 m (14-17 ft.) in height; adaptation to a terrestrial habitat; alternate, plicate leaves unmarked with spotting or tessellation; 3 stigmata; a triocular ovary with axile placentation; staminodes reduced in size; and flowers which are produced in terminal racemes or panicles. Certain of the characteristics indicate the primitive status of the genus: the large, blanched canes, the terrestrial habitat, the presence of the three stigmata, the triocular ovary and the floriferous panicles.

The size of the individual flower is disproportionally small when compared to the vegetative portion of the plant.

Due to its unsuitability for greenhouse culture, this small genus of large plants is primarily of interest to botanists.

Species in the Genus:

The attached spreadsheet provides a list of the species, location in which found, day and night growing temperatures, blooming timeframes, awards by number and type, and progeny in terms of numbers and Generations. The genus *Selenipedium* has 6 species.

Name	Habitat	Day/Night Temperatures	Blooming Dates	Progeny	AOS Awards
Selenipedium aequinoctiale	Colombia, Ecuador	Warm to hot conditions, or 66F-85F	October	No offspring	CBR-1
Selenipedium chica	Panama	Warm to hot conditions, or 66F-85F	Unknown	No offspring	AM-1
Selenipedium isabelianum	North and Northeast Brazil	Unknown	Unknown	None	None
Selenipedium palmifolium	North Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana,	Warm to hot conditions, or 66F-85F	Unknown	None	CHM-1

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	Suriname,				
	Trinidad-				
	Tobago and				
	Venezuela				
Selenipedium	North Brazil,	Cool to hot	Unknown	None	None
steyermarkii	Guyana, and	conditions, or			
	Venezuela	58F to 85F at			
		night			
Selenipedium	Brazil, West	Unknown	Unknown	None	None
vanillocarpum	and Central				

AOS Scale for Judging *Cypripediums*:

Selenipedium are judged using the AOS Paphiopedilum scale.

Hybridizing:

The Selenipedium genus is not hybridized.

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