**SPECIES DATA REPORT**

**Bulbophyllum amplebracteanum**Teijsm. & Binn. 1862

Section: Lepidorhiza (Schlechter 1911)

Synonym: N/A

Found only in the Molouccas island of Indonesia with 0.5 to 1.2" [1.25 to 3 cm] between each large, ovoid pseudobulb carrying a single, apical, thick, oblong, obtuse, gradually narrowing below into the 1.2 to 3.4" [3 to 8.5 cm long] petiolate base leaf and blooms in the fall and winter on a basal, arching, to 19.2" [48 cm] long, successively single, 9-12 flowered per inflorescence which can last over a 2 to 3 month period with each foul scented flower lasting 1 to 2 weeks. The flowers are golden yellow, clear to lightly striped with a dark **undulate** (move with a wavelike motion), **verrucose** (warty), **rugose** (wrinkled), **lingulate** (tongue-shaped) lips from purple to almost black with a horned lateral lobes. Lateral sepals are **falcate** (sickle-shaped) and forward pointing. Dorsal sepal and petals are ovate with sharply pointed tips. Column is erect with a pair of forward pointing arms



Bulb. *amplebracteanum* sub. *carunculatum* ‘Bronze Age’ – Photographed by Bill Thoms

**Varieties*:*** Bulb*. carunculatum* (from Sulawesi) and Bulb. *orthoglossum* ( from the Sulawesi and the Phillippines) are now considered to be subspecies of this species

**Awards**: 5 AMs, 6 HCCs, 4 CCMs, 6 Others

Vanda scale should be utilized to judge this species due to the significant in overall impact of the sepals and, to a lesser extent, petals and lips toward the appearance of the flower.

**Hybrids**

Hybrids: Total of 32 registered, to the 2nd generation

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| **Before 2000** | **2000-2009** | **2010-Present** |
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1st generation offspring: 28, total progeny: 32

There are 2 major primary hybrids of this species.

Bulb. Wilbur Chang (*echinolabium x amplebracteanum* sub. *carunculatum*) (2006) was made to increase the size of the species while maintaining wider segments. It has won 7 AMs, 4 HCCs, and 1 CCM in the last 10 years. Pictured below is Bulb. Wilbur Chang ‘Elermore’ HCC/OSNSW in 2006



Bulb. Frank Smith (*lobbii* x *amplebracteanum* sub. *carunculatum*) (1999) improves over this species because of the addition of wider natural spread and floriferousness of Bulb. *lobbii*. It has won 5 AMs, 5 HCCs, and 2 CCE awards since 2000. Pictured below is Bulb. Frank Smith ‘The King’ CCE/AOS with 96 points awarded in 2009



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