

Species Report

***Phalaenopsis finleyi* Christenson, *Richardiana* 11: 80 (2011).**

Finley's Phalaenopsis [Floridian Orchid Enthusiast and conservationist current]

Synonyms

- *Kingidium minus* Seidenf., *Opera Bot.* 95: 188 (1988).
- *Phalaenopsis minor* (Seidenf.) Christenson, *Phalaenopsis: a monograph*: 54 (2001), nom. illeg.
- *Doritis minus* (Seidenf.) T.Yukawa & K.Kita, *Acta Phytotax. Geobot.* 56: 157 (2005).

Phalaenopsis finleyi is a miniature, epiphytic orchid species that can be found in northeastern Thailand and Myanmar in tropical forests at elevations of sea level to 160 meters. This miniature *Phalaenopsis* species has a short stem carrying rather broad, fleshy leaves.

Phalaenopsis finleyi produces very attractive flowers, which have a somewhat streamlined, reflexed appearance. The inflorescences, lateral pendant are white, they feature a predominantly pink coloration, with maroon and yellow markings. The blooms are quite striking, the colors bring out the intensity of each other. (Beth 2017).

According to OrchidWiz X7.2 there are 30 offspring, first generation and 36 total progeny, *Phalaenopsis finleyi* earn 1 HCC/AOS and 1 CBR/AOS.

Regarding hybrids using *P. finleyi* just *P. Hwa-Tung* Liu (*P. Timothy Christopher* x *P. finleyi*) received AOS awards, 1 HCC/AOS, 1 AM/AOS and 1 AD/AOS. Also, the cross *P. equestris* x *P. finleyi*) got five offsprings.

I think one of the positive aspects of breeding with *P. finleyi* is the deep color imparted to its progeny.

This lovely species has been used in Taiwan pursuing miniature *Phalaenopsis* hybrids. Some of these efforts are seeing second and third-generation hybrids flower and the results are interesting. With further refinement, we should be seeing surprising new hybrids on judging tables soon. (Coghill-Behrends 2020).

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