

Promenaea

Pronunciation: Pro-men-EYE-ah

Tribe: Maxillariae

Subtribe: Zygopetalinae

Various botanists list this genus as being native to the lowlands of Brazil in the intermediate to warm-growing climate. All species are diminutive and grow as epiphytes in moist forest and care should be taken not avoid allowing plants to completely dry out. Early publications mention 4-6 species, most recent 22. Intergeneric hybrids are being created with *Zygopetalum*, *Colax*, *Cochleanthes*, *Chondrorhyncha*, etc.

The two most well-known species are *P. xanthina* (yellow) and *P. stapelioides* (spotted and barred wine-red). The resulting hybrid is *Promenaea Crawshayana*.

Number of species: Currently the World Checklist of Monocotyledons recognizes 18 species.

Distribution: Brazil.

CULTURE:

Temperature: Intermediate to warm.

Light: Medium to lower light; 60-70% shade with little air movement.

Water-Humidity: Moist and high humidity.

Fertilizer: Modest (1/2 tsp per gallon) and constant.

Potting: Annually, in small plastic pots. Media should retain moisture and nutrients, comprised of such things as fine bark, sphagnum moss, and peat moss.