

Featured Orchid

Guarianthe x guatemalensis (syn. *Cattleya guatemalensis*)

C. guatemalensis is a natural hybrid: *Guarianthe aurantica* x *Guarianthe skinneri*. This orchid originated in Central America. It is easy to grow in bright, indirect light with warm to hot temperatures.

In general, *C. guatemalensis* produces six to eight blooms per stem. Bloom color is highly variable in this natural hybrid. One could expect to see a range of pale lavender to dark mauve, and alba.

Mark Sanborn purchased this plant at the World Orchid Conference (WOC) in 2008. It has bloomed every year, but this is its best—33 blooms!

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