

Featured Orchid

Dendrobium mohlianum—Mohl's Dendrobium

Dendrobium mohlianum was named after Hugo von Mohl, a German botanist.

This species grows in the southern Pacific Ocean Islands of Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Samoa. It blooms in February through April. The plant needs to be grown in *Phalaenopsis* conditions with 66-80F nights. In its native habitat, it grows at around 2,600-7,050 ft in cloud forest and mountain forest where it can get adequate moisture and high humidity. *Dendrobium mohlianum* is said to be abundant in the Fiji Islands.

The plant blooms off bare pendulous canes. Some canes have been described as being three feet long. Our plant is only about 1 ft. Mature plants with several canes may hold as many as 200 flowers that are approximately 3 cm. wide. A plant that was awarded a CCM in Pennsylvania, had 250 flowers, 35 buds, on 47 canes. (OrchidWiz). *Dendrobium mohlianum* may be grown in a bark mixture or sphagnum moss. Because it blooms off old canes, you should not remove these.

This species has received 2 AMs, a CBR, 3 CCMs, and 4 HCCs from the American Orchid Society. The photos of the AMs appeared to be a much brighter red than our blooming plant.

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