

Masdevallia pinocchio 'Karlene'



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Pronunciation: mas-de-VAL-i-a

Alliance: Pleurothallid

Masdevallia pinocchio is a cool to warm growing epiphyte found on the eastern slopes of Andes mountain regions of central Ecuador at altitudes between 1,300 to 1,500 meters (4,200 – 4,900 feet). Rarely found in nature, *Masd. pinocchio* successively produces blooms to 2cm (3/4 inch) on triquetrous (triangular) stems in the late spring. The long-lasting flowers have an erect dorsal and a protruding movable lip that wobbles in the wind.

Somewhat difficult to bloom in cultivation, *Masd. pinocchio* seems to prefer low light, high humidity, and cooler temperatures. The plants will show signs of heat stress in the summer months if not protected from high temperatures.

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