

Botanical name
Genus: X Mokara
Species: spp.

Common Name(s): Mokara

Latin Family Name:
Orchidaceae

English Family Name: Orchid

Common relatives include cymbidium, oncidium, paphiopedilum and cattleya

The plant

Origin; country or region: Mokara is one of the widely cultivated orchid in the Pacific region, especially in the tropics

Growth habit: As an epiphyte, it is a plant that grows upon other plants but is not parasitic. It obtains its moisture from air

Flower description: Flower petals similarly shaped, flowers star-like with reduced column in the centre

Available in bright colors such as red, orange and yellow

Blooming period/availability: All year

Leaf/Foliage Description: Flowers are gathered in rigid inflorescences on erect stems

Usage: The genus is highly prized in horticulture for its showy, long-lasting, and intensely colorful flowers

STRENGTH/OPPORTUNITIES:

A very good specimen plant for home or office

An exotic orchid variety, very unusual...

Used as showy hanging plants, in rock gardens or as cut flowers

WEAKNESS:

Not easily available

Price is almost as much as the Phalaenopsis



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Care & Handling

Longevity: Flowers last up to several weeks then fall off
May re-bloom once or twice a year

Water requirements: If their situation is warm and sunny, they may need daily watering

Light: Is a crucial factor in blooming most orchid plants
Orchids prefer low light, warm temperatures, and high humidity

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Mostly grown in slatted-wood baskets, or in pots with a coarse potting medium

Coco peat & orchid soil work best

Charcoal and pine wood are newer ways of growing Orchids

