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Phalaenopsis schilleriana

[Synonyms :*Phalaenopsis curnowiana*, *Phalaenopsis schillerana*, *Phalaenopsis vestalis*]

SCARLET PHALAENOPSIS is an epiphytic orchid. Native to the Philippines it has large delicately fragrant, white to pink through to purple flowers with purple-spotted throats, and yellow, red, reddish-brown and white lip.

It is also known as Tiger orchid.

Schilleriana commemorates a German, mid-19th Century orchid enthusiast, Consul Schiller (of Hamburg), who had a collection of orchids and first cultivated this species in 1860 successfully.

The orchid is cultivated as an ornamental plant, often in hanging baskets.

One story is told of an English grower and enthusiast who in 1869 is said to have successfully transported a plant bearing 129 open flowers all the way to an exhibition in St. Petersburg.

South-eastern Asian specialists view its importance in the region is primarily as an ornamental plant.