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Vanilla pompona

[Synonyms : *Vanilla grandiflora*, *Vanilla guianensis*, *Vanilla lutescens*, *Vanilla pittieri*, *Vanilla surinamensis*]

WEST INDIAN VANILLA is a climbing orchid. Native to Middle and South America it has white to orange-centred, green-yellow flowers.

It is also known as Vanilla orchid, Vanilloes, and Vanillon.

Pompona is derived from Latin *pompa* (display, parade, ostentation) with reference to the large flowers.

Vanilla obtained from this species is not recognized as 'pure' in Europe or the United States.