

Judging *Sarcochilus*

Sarcochilus (Fairy Orchid) originate in what Country?

Commonly cultivated *Sarcochilus* species have some things in common.

- A) What color most frequently dominates?
- B) Fully describe the dominant floral form.
- C) Are they simultaneous or sequential blooming?
- D) Which species appears to have flatter, fuller form?
- E) Which *Sarcochilus* species has soft solid pink colored flowers?

Newly introduced species of *Sarcochilus* include *Sarco. aequalis*, *Sarco. hirticalcar*, *Sarco. serrulatus*.

- F) Can you include any more recently discovered species?
- G) In looking at the new species being used what seems to be their most obvious negative form trait as far as considering AOS award quality flowers?
- H) Why do you think hybridizers initially elected to not use these species?
- I) When these species are crossed to *Sarco hartmannii* something wonderful happens to petal form. What is it?
- J) Does *Sarco hartmannii* seem to be dominant for color or recessive when crossed to these new more colorful species?

New hybrids are being made and hybrids can now include the color orange. My favorite new hybrid is *Sarcochilus Armstrong*.

- K) What species is being used that would pass orange coloration to *Sarcochilus Armstrong*?

Other exciting new hybrids are light golden color such as *Sarco. First Light*.

- L) Which species is passing the yellow coloration to progeny?
- M) What point score card do we use in judging *Sarcochilus* flowers?
- N) In order to grant an AOS flower quality award, what traits would you expect in individual flowers?
- O) Compare expected floral arrangement expected on a hybrid of *Sarco. ceciliae* versus a hybrid of *Sarco. fitzgeraldii*.
- P) Separately describe two hypothetical *Sarcochilus* hybrids using recently described species. Provide a full description including measurements.

