

Hybrid genera

The generic names used for orchid hybrids must comply with the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (ICBN).

For hybrids involving 2 or 3 genera the name must be a formula derived from parts of the names of the component genera, and may include the whole name of one component genus. Example: *Doritis* x *Phalaenopsis* = x *Doritaenopsis*.

Orchis x *Serapias* = x *Orchiserapias*

Aerides x *Ascocentrum* x *Neofinetia* = x *Aerasconetia*

For hybrids involving 4 or more genera, the hybrid generic name is based on the name of a person who if possible has been associated with that group of plants, with the termination *-ara* added. Example:

Broughtonia x *Cattleya* x *Guarianthe* x *Rhyncholaelia* = x *Volkertara*, named for G. Volkert, who was a past member of the RHS Orchid Committee.

Note that hybrids involving 3 genera may have a name formed either from names of component genera or a person's name.

In order to be valid, a hybrid genus name must be published with a statement of its component genera, and not be the same as a name already in use for another genus, nor be predated by another different valid name for the same hybrid combination.