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Native to Central America, NW South America, and (cultivated?) in Puerto Rico. Maas, 1972.

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Lyon L-82.0305, California: Tropic World, as *C. niveo-purpureus*. 1 planted 26 May 1982, below H23-4a-4 (makai/ewa of trail intersection); in flower, 28 Jul 2001, & 14 Oct 2006. ID by Ken Nagata, confirmed by P. Maas, voucher: KMN 3013 at HLA, U. Robust herb; stems 3-4 m ht., 5 cm diameter at base. Leaves oblanceolate, 50 cm long, 15 cm wide. Inflorescence conical, up to 20 cm long, 8 cm diameter. Corolla pale yellow, 8.5 cm long; calyx red, 1 cm; staminodes up to 11 cm long, yellow, rose-colored toward apex, the lip dark yellow & fringed. DNA to Chelsea Specht.

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Lyon L-87.0405, Oahu: from Leland Miyano, as C. sp.; ID by R. Baker based on similarity to L-82.0305. 1 planted 25 Jul 1987, 30' mauka/DH of H23-11-5 *Lecythis*; in flower, 16 Oct 2006.

Lyon 4901, Panama: Summit Garden, rcvd 1928, as *C. macrostrobilus*; planted Heliconia Valley, 1931. Status unknown.

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