

Nepenthes boschiana

Nepenthes boschiana (/nɪˈpɪnθiˈz ˈbɒʃiˈɑːn/; after Johannes van den Bosch), or Bosch's pitcher-plant,[3] is a tropical pitcher plant endemic to Borneo. It is most closely allied to *N. faizaliana*. *Nepenthes borneensis* is considered a synonym of this species.[4] *Nepenthes boschiana* has no known natural hybrids.[5] No valid forms or varieties have been described.[4] *Nepenthes boschiana* belongs to the loosely defined "*N. maxima* complex", which also includes, among other species, *N. chaniana*, *N. epiphytica*, *N. eymae*, *N. faizaliana*, *N. fusca*, *N. klossii*, *N. maxima*, *N. platychila*, *N. stenophylla*, and *N. vogelii*. [6]

The species was formally described by Pieter Willem Korthals in his 1839 monograph, "*Over het geslacht Nepenthes*".[2] B. H. Danser, in his 1928 monograph "*The Nepenthaceae of the Netherlands Indies*", wrote the following:[3][7]

Korthals states the natives who accompanied him on Mt. Sakoembang gathered the not yet opened pitchers, as the water which they contained was a medicament against inflammation of the eyes, whereas others cut the opened pitchers as playthings for their children. He describes the habitat as sterile, open and stony. The vernacular name '*daoen sompitan*' is translated by him as blow-pipe-leaf; according to dictionaries this is right.

Original illustration of *N. boschiana* from 1839 by Pieter Willem Korthals

Specimen in the Bogor Botanical Gardens

