



Tuckers Orchid Nursery

Presents...

Orchids for Everyone



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FROM ROSS THE BOSS

Welcome back –

The biggest orchid show has come and gone. For those who attended, I am sure they enjoyed themselves, and many of you introduced yourselves to us. There were plenty of orchids to view and lots more to buy, tales to swap and plenty of chatter. It turned into quite a large display from around the country. We enjoyed the show and were able to acquire plenty of new varieties of orchids from many of the overseas vendors to expand our range. These will become available throughout the year as they grow on.

We were also lucky enough to be part of the very first shipment of live phalaenopsis plants that were pre-quarantined in Taiwan, and subsequently shipped to us in NZ without the need to be quarantined in NZ. These were available at the show. The remaining plants are now available from us as flowering sized and near flowering sized and should be ready to flower in no more than 4-6 months.

We also have a selection of flasks that were prepared for the show. These will only be available for a short time before we deflask them, so get in quick.

Just a note on our pre-Christmas special is that Leroy orchids released and sold out of the large flowered, short cane Epidendrums from USA at the New Plymouth show. Now it is our turn to release the remaining plants from the same shipment. All colours shapes and sizes will be available on our Christmas special to the Orchid Club Members (so email us to change your status now if you haven't already, as these extra specials will sell out really fast).

This month's newsletter is short and sweet due to all the events in the last couple of weeks but Cathy has prepared some new species for your perusal as well as some extra specials.

SPECIALS THIS MONTH:

Flasks	\$40 incl GST	
6 pack of species size B	\$55 incl GST	
10 pack of species size B	\$90 incl GST	
Taiwanese phalaenopsis plants 5 varieties (photos on website)		
(P Yu Pin Burgundy, Yu Pin Golden Wing, Yu Pin Shirasagi, Lioulin Orange)		\$25 each
(P Yu Pin Polar Bear) ltd no's avail	\$30 each	
One of each of the 5 phals	\$125 incl GST	

Included are free cultural notes and a special free gift (Delivery charges apply). To place an order you can email us at orchids@clear.net.nz or visit our website www.tuckersorchidnursery.co.nz to view our range. We are happy to send these orchids anywhere in NZ only.

CATS COMMENT:

What is a specie orchid? It is the plant(s) that is found in nature in their original habitats – the base genetic material of all your hybrid orchids. There are approx 25,000 known species of orchids and counting, as they are still finding new varieties in the lesser travelled corners of our earth.

Everyone should try to grow at least a few species in their collections. Why? Because you are continuing the plants' existence on this planet, which after the over-collection of past generations, is no small thing. Also, you can be proud to know that you have an original, just as it would be found in nature – though maybe not as tatty and chewed!! While many species are easy to find on club and show trading tables, some are very hard to find. If you own a rare variety, it is your duty to protect it, and replicate it if at all possible. It can be self pollinated, crossed with another of the same variety, if one is available, or mericloned if the plant is strong enough.

If you are growing a specialist collection of a particular genera or alliance, then your collection is not complete without at least some of the species from which your hybrids are produced. Some species are very particular in their requirements, and others more forgiving and tolerant of not quite perfect conditions.

Where do we get this information? Libraries, internet, orchid societies all over the country have orchid publications and books available to borrow. Read, read, read... Books are a wonderful source of information, and most orchid societies will have their own library for you to use. Join your local orchid society, there are approximately 30 dedicated societies around the country, and 6 in Auckland alone. The folk are very friendly, and it is nice to relax and chat to fellow enthusiasts. Much valuable information can be obtained about a particular plant you may be interested in, if you only ask. Many good orchid books and magazines are available at a reasonable price on Trade Me or similar auction sites. Use the Internet: Google any orchid species and a vast quantity of information and images will be available to you. A website I use frequently is www.orchidspecies.com. There are pictures of most species along with some cultural information. There are a number of private organizations that have produced databases of all known orchid species and their hybrids. Some of these databases have a lot of information contained within them. One such database is called OrchidWiz. Not only does it hold information about the species and their hybrids, there are heaps of photographs as well as in depth cultural information detailing where the species can be found and what conditions they grow in.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH –OUR NEW SPECIES

New species available

Phal stuartiana (yellow strain) x sib – size C – warm growing, med light, keep moist

Rhynchostylis gigantea – spotted form – size B – int-warm growing, med light, open mix, water frequently when growing

Rhynchostylis gigantea – peach form – size B

Stenorrhynchos speciosum –from Central America – med light, int-warm growing. Size B



Phal stuartiana
yellow strain



Rhy gigantea
'Spots'



Rhy gigantea
'Peach'



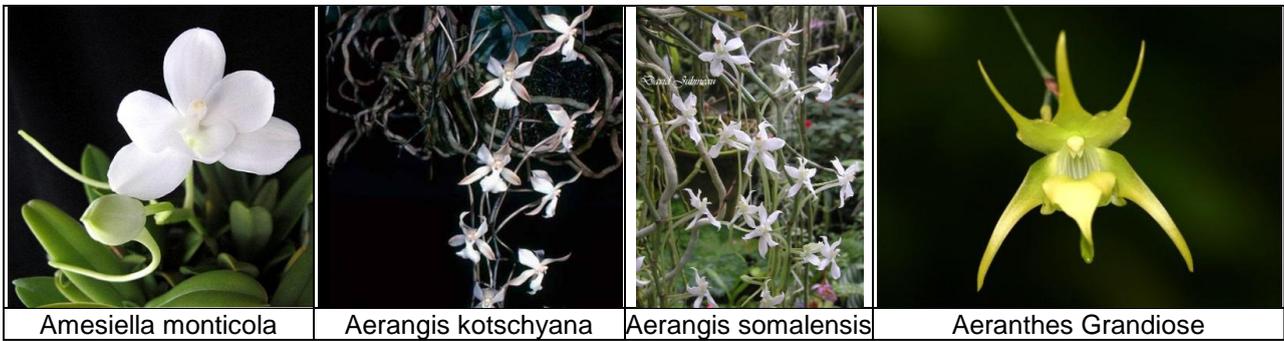
Stenorrhynchos speciosum

Amesiella monticola – size B – from the Philippines, grow int-warm, keep moist, med light

Aerangis kotschyana – size B – from Africa, Int- warm, low-med light, water well in autumn and spring, drier in between.

Aerangis somalensis – size B – from Africa. Int growing, med light, even moisture.

Aeranthes Grandiose x ramosa – size B – from Madagascar, int growing, med light, even moisture



FLASKS FOR SALE: (be quick or they will be gone)

- P Hsinying Webber 'Happy' – white with predominantly pink flushing (10)
- P Hsinying Fortune 'Fortune Star' – bright yellow with minimal (if any) fading (5)
- P Join Angel x Hsinying Arcwind – large classic whites (10)
- Den aggregatum – bright yellow, Asian species, cool-int, winter rest, good light (4)



- Den Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy' – beautiful mericlone – deep purple, large fine form, awarded (5)
- C Love Angel x purpurata – large flowers on compact plants
- C Love Angel x Penny Kuroda – spots and flares (5)
- C Penny Kuroda x purpurata – large with flares, dramatic lips (4)



WHERE WE ARE OUT AND ABOUT THIS MONTH:

- 20th November – NZOS monthly meeting, Jean Stephanik guest speaker
- 23rd November – Kohi Craft Fair, Kohimarama Presbyterian Church, 34 Kohimarama Rd
- 24th November – North Shore OS monthly meeting, Jean Stephanik guest speaker
- 25th November-1st December – Milford Mall, Milford

Next month we are focusing on Xmas  

Please note, the photos of plants shown in our newsletter are a mixture of breeding plants, plants we have seen in our travels and plants we have for sale. Not all of the plants that are displayed in our newsletter are available as plants for sale. Please check our website for details of what plants we have for sale. We do, however, welcome requests for plants that are not listed on our website as we may be able to supply them or something very similar.

