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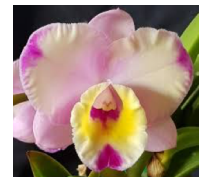
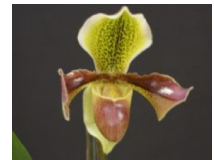
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“Many collectors died in the process of searching for new species, and despite persistent reports that the men died from drowning, gunshot and knife wounds, snakebite, trampling by cattle, or blows in the head with blunt instruments, it is generally accepted that in each case the primary cause of death was **orchid fever.**”



The next Committee meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th. March, at the Bellfield Community hall.

The Warringal Orchid society meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Senior Citizens Hall in Hawdon Street Heidelberg. **The next Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th. February**

The hall will be open from 7.00pm you are welcome to bench plants for judging and to socialise with other members. A sales table operates with pots and other orchid accessories available. Members are able to submit up to 6 orchid plants for sale, the society deducts a 10% commission Plants to be listed on sales form available at sales table.

Please be seated on time for meeting to commence at 8.00pm.

This month's speaker will be:



John Varigos

An orchid collector; Member of the Orchid Species Society; Member of the Australian Native Orchid Society; The Malvern conservatory.



Christmas Break-up Dinner 2019



The Warringal Orchid Society would like to thank the families of past members:

John Mundy
Reg and Norma McKay

For their donation of orchid culture

HIGHEST POINT SCORE IN 2019



Novice section

Winner: K. Ridgway

Second place: H. Robinson

Third Place: P. Kennedy



Intermediate section

Winner: A. Magnano

Second place: L. Smith

Third Place: M. Volodina



Advance Novice section

Winner: M. Bastecky

Second place: J. Jenkins

Third Place: N. Levett



Open section

Winner: M & B. O'Reilly

Second place: G & C. Dimech

Third Place: J. Crawford

Dracula vampira

The vampire stories from Transylvania might be the first that come to mind when we come across the orchid genus *Dracula*. The actual meaning is 'Little dragon', deriving from the Latin word *draco*. American Botanist Carlyle Luer introduced this genus in 1978 as a distinct group from genus *Masdevallia*.

Dracula vampira has very dark purple-black veins. This species is found in the cool, high-altitude cloud forests of Mexico, Central America and the South American Andes highland. This species does not have pseudo bulbs in which to store water and will dry quickly if not in cool, moist conditions.



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Prosthechea cochleata

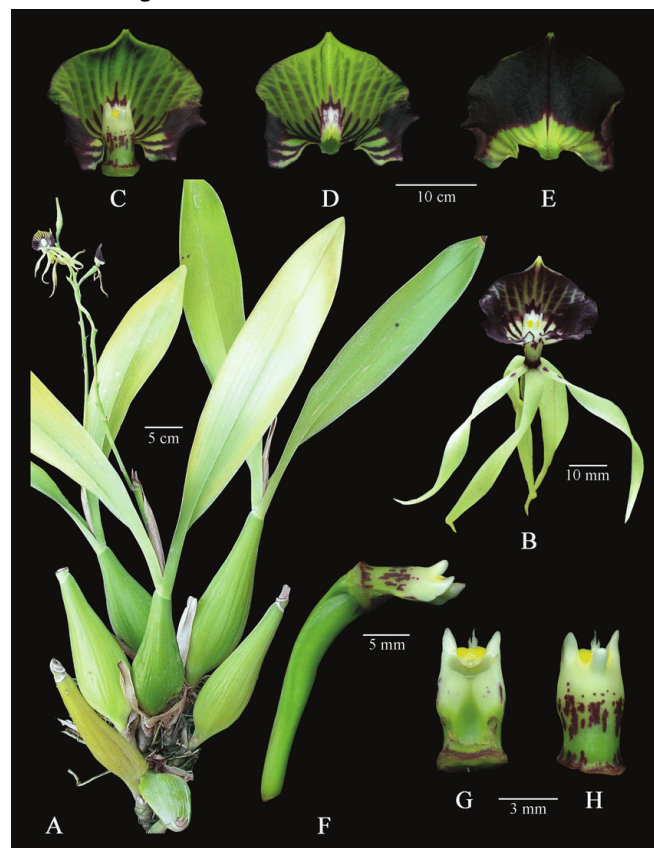
Genus *Prosthechea* is distributed from south Florida (USA), through the Caribbean, to Mexico and tropical Central and South America. *Prosthechea cochleata* was the first tropical orchid to be successfully flowered at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in 1787 (Gardiner & Cribb, 2019).

This species is the national flower of Belize. The labellum of the flower is dark purple in colour, contrasting with the five long thin light-green tepals that dangle below, giving the resemblance of an octopus. It is not surprising this species has the common name, the 'Octopus Orchid'.

Reference:

Gardiner, L & Cribb, P. (2018). The Orchids: Celebrating 40 of the world's most charismatic orchids through rare prints

and classic texts. Royal Botanic Garden Kew, London, United Kingdom



Ref: https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Prosthechea-cochleata-A-Habit-B-Whole-flower-front-view-C-Labellum-and-column_fig5_262256677

Club seedling 2020

Dendrobium Ray's Jaffa x Dendrobium Jazz 'Windsor Down'.

The seedlings can be purchased for \$10 at the meeting.



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