

February 2020

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From the President

First, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to three new members who joined our club last month, Marion and Jackie Borrero, and Bill Caldwell. Marion is the sister of our long-time member Warren Brumfield, and Jackie is her daughter. It was a pleasure meeting them at our judging outreach last month! Bill lives in Woodville, TX and is a long-time member of the Houston Orchid Society and has served as their program chair there in the past.

Welcome!

****ALL Members**** What is the most pressing thing you wish to learn about orchid growing? Let us know what speaker topics you would like. We want to be sure that we fulfill your hopes of learning what you want to know about orchids.

Since this is our first meeting of 2020, please bring your updated membership forms and dues to our meeting this month. Your dues go toward out of town guest speakers, show expenses, purchasing raffle plants, meeting location cost, and a number of other expenses that it takes for our club to run throughout the year.

Last month, our society hosted the Shreveport Orchid Judging Center’s monthly judging on Jan. 25th here in Alexandria. As I mentioned in my January message, the Shreveport Judging Center of the American Orchid Society (AOS) hosts a monthly judging where anyone can bring in an orchid to be judged and considered for an AOS award. It was a very good learning experience and there were a record 21 plants brought in for the monthly judging. We had a great membership turnout and I hope everyone learned something from watching the process and asking questions.

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See you on Sunday, February 16th at 2:30 pm!

Eron



**Meeting Time & Place
Sunday, February 16,
2020**

**Plant entry 2:00 pm
Meeting 2:30 pm**

**St. James Episcopal
Youth Building
1546 Albert Street,
Alexandria, LA**

Refreshments-Eron Borne

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February Program

The Renowned *Cattleya* hybrid, *B/c. Fortune*

Our program this month is by Wilton Guillory, which will discuss the infamous cattleya, *B/c. Fortune*. This orchid registered in 1963 by Stewart Orchids, has renowned significance in orchid hybridizing, and currently has 184 direct F1 hybrids using it as a parent. Furthermore, *B/c. Fortune* currently has a whopping 1,776 progeny that have it in its background! Wilton has also used *B/c. Fortune* in his own hybridizing and he had one of his hybrid creations on display at our judging seminar last month!



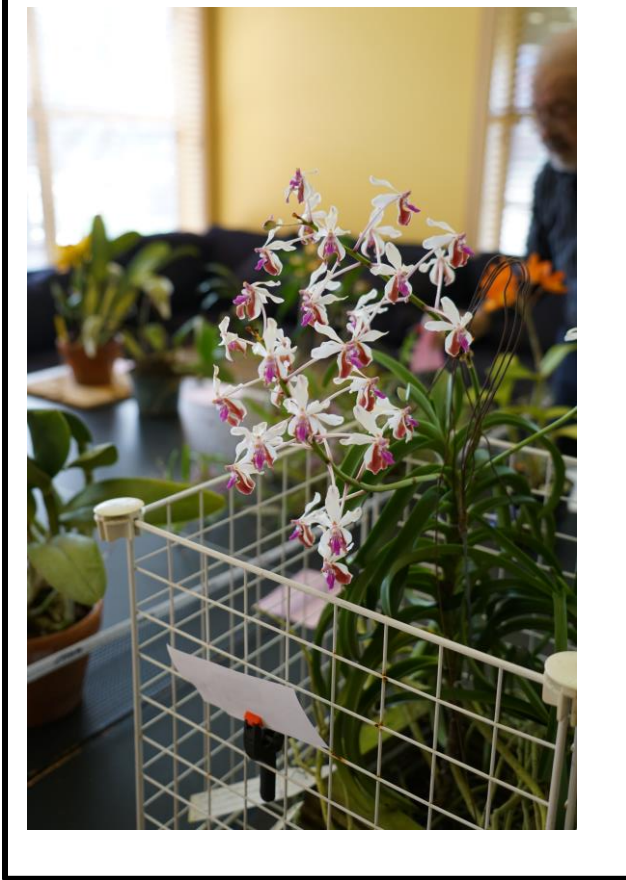
In lieu of our CLOS January regular meeting, we hosted the Shreveport Judging Center's monthly judging in Alexandria, LA. CLOS members attended the training as well as observed judges. January 25, 2020. Seven judges divided into two teams to award 7 plants.

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

03/06/2020 - 03/07/2020	GNTOS 2020 Orchid Show and Sale <i>Richardson Civic Center, Richardson TX</i>
03/13/2020 - 03/15/2020	Calcasieu Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Historic City Hall, Lake Charles LA /USA</i>
03/27/2020 - 03/29/2020	Terrebonne Orchid Society Show and Sale <i>Southland Mall, Houma Louisiana</i>
04/10/2020 - 04/11/2020	Fort Worth Orchid Society Show hosting SWROGA Spring 2020 <i>Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Fort Worth Fort Worth</i>
04/18/2020 - 04/19/2020	Tulsa Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale <i>The Tulsa Garden Center, Tulsa OK</i>
05/02/2020 - 05/03/2020	Oklahoma Orchid Show and Sale <i>Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City OK</i>
10/16/2020 - 10/18/2020	Alamo Orchid Society Show <i>San Antonio Garden Center, San Antonio Texas</i>
05/08/2021 - 05/09/2021	Kansas Orchid Society Show and Sale; Hosting SWROGA Spring 2021 <i>Sedgwick County Extension Building, Wichita KS</i>

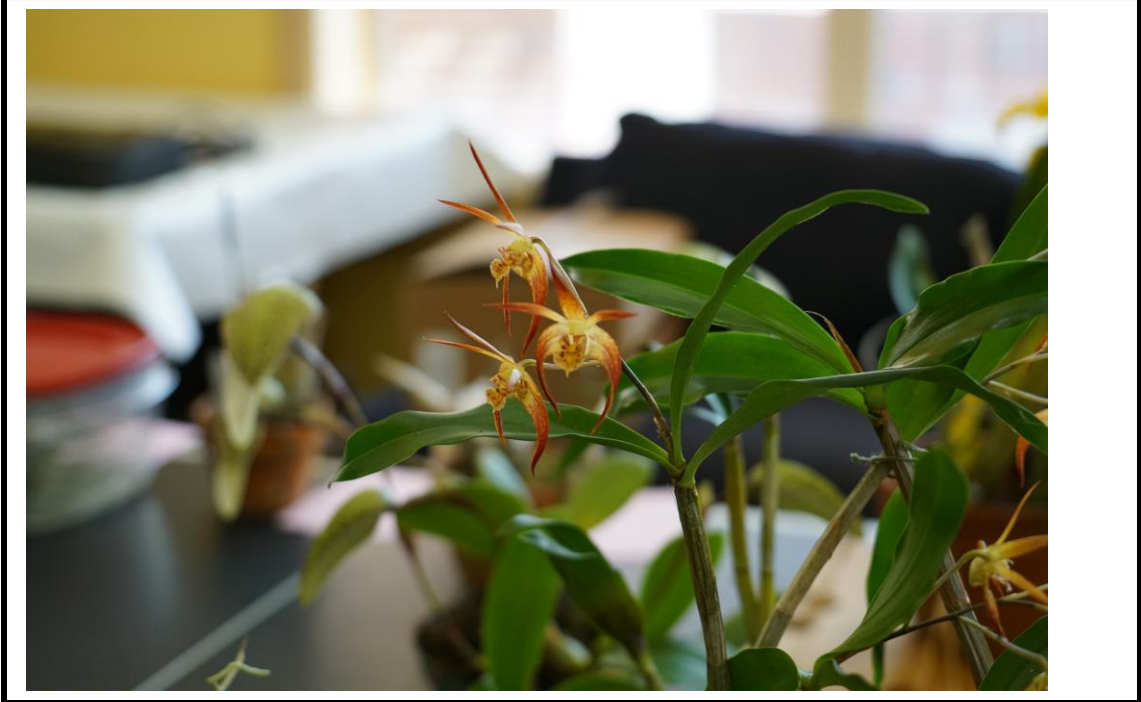
It seems that I have overlooked notifying your centers of the GNTOS show coming up on Mar. 6-7, and thus have not heard from anyone about whether they are coming. Please send word out about the show to the judges in your center and also let them know that if they are coming and plan to judge we need to know at least a week in advance (preferably longer) so we can make dinner reservations for them. Judging will be Friday night, for both ribbon and AOS judging. DJC judging will be held the following weekend at the regular time and place.

Want to take this opportunity to also let you know that the Ft Worth Orchid show will be held on April 10 - 11 at the Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens and will be held in conjunction with the SWROGA meeting - and we will possibly hold the Dallas Judging there as well since that is our normal weekend. Ft Worth judging will be held on Saturday morning for the show, since Fri. Night will be occupied with SWROGA events. Regards. Judy















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2020 FEBRUARY AOS Corner – for Affiliated Societies

The AOS Corner is for society representatives and newsletter editors: Orchid societies are welcome to reproduce the AOS Corner completely, or in part, in their society publications.

We encourage use of the AOS website by all members. <http://www.aos.org>

Insight for our AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/affiliated-societies.aspx>

Love Your Orchids!

Learn what it takes to make your orchids thrive. Share AOS Culture Sheets with new members at your meetings. Drop some off at your local growers. Ask your big box stores if you can leave some in their garden centers near their orchid benches. Remember to include your society contact information somewhere too (rubber stamp or business card attached).

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/culture-sheets.aspx>

With spring around the corner, beware of hitchhikers in your growing area. While you have been out and about purchasing a few new orchids at local shows and sales, there may be hidden pests among the beauty. Be alert, be aware and be vigilant. <http://www.aos.org/orchids/orchid-pests-diseases.aspx>

AFFILIATED SOCIETY BONUS - EARN AOS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS FOR YOUR SOCIETY

Affiliated societies can earn a one-month extension on their AOS society membership for each new individual AOS member they recruit. If you start now, with twelve new AOS members, your affiliated society can obtain a FULL FREE YEAR OF AOS membership! Be sure and advise new members to note their society affiliation on the printed membership form or in the comments section online at checkout.

Look for updated membership rates and membership material on the AOS website in 2020

<http://www.aos.org/about-us/aos-membership.aspx>

FEBRUARY Focus: Feed the Frenzy - The AOS on Social Media

DID YOU KNOW? Find Us on Facebook - The AOS - More than Pretty Pictures

The American Orchid Society Facebook group page has exceeded 35,000 members. Group members post photos and videos of their blooming orchids, ask questions, add comments and share their passion for the flowers we all love. In real time too. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/52597049839/>

With such a diverse group, it is eye opening to see the many different types of orchids that are grown around the world. While there are some general guidelines for growing orchids, it is not a one size fits all endeavor. Some of these orchids we may otherwise never see in person. Our AOS group page bears out, that orchid growing truly is a global passion. If you have contributed to our page, thanks for sharing a part of your world with us. Be sure to add your society to the growing number of followers!

DID YOU KNOW? There is an Affiliated Societies of the AOS page on Facebook

Affiliated Societies of the American Orchid Society page has 534 members. This page is a place for the AOS, Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee to maintain contact and provide information to societies, AOS Representatives, Board Presidents and Newsletter Editors. This is a place for you to ask for help, as well as a place to share your best practices. If your society has not requested membership on this page, do it now. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/>

DID YOU KNOW? You can Create Events on Facebook

Societies have so many great events they need to share and most have limited financial resources. Facebook is perfect for sharing. It is relatively easy to create an Event listing on Facebook. The more information you include the further reach you will have. Remember to include a society contact, a society website address and a catchy graphic. Show flyers work perfectly for the graphic if that is what you are advertising. A photograph of a beautiful orchid grown by one of your members is a sure way to attract attention. You can also create recurring Facebook Events for your regular monthly meetings. Be sure to visit your Event post periodically and add new content or comments so viewers will keep coming back to see what is new. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AffiliatedSocietiesOfTheAOS/events/>



DID YOU KNOW? AOS has an Instagram account

What is Instagram? This is a quote from their help center. “Instagram is a free photo and video sharing app available on Apple iOS, Android and Windows Phone. People can upload photos or videos to our service and share them with their followers or with a select group of friends. They can also view, comment and like posts shared by their friends on Instagram. Anyone 13 and older can create an account by registering an email address and selecting a username.” <https://www.instagram.com/>



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Check out the Complete Affiliated Benefits Package

<http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Benefits-of-being-an-Affiliated-Societies-Member-v5.pdf>

REMINDERS

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? An affiliated society may use recorded webinars for presentations at their monthly meetings. With Wi-Fi access, it is easy! Webinars are an internet-connected audiovisual presentation. You can view from anywhere that you have an internet connection, via Mac, PC or even your mobile device. It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Webinars-Coming Attractions!



When	February 11, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	February 18, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday	March 19, 2020 8:30pm EST Thursday	March 31, 2020 8:30pm EST Tuesday
Topic	Large Flowered Cattleyas	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	Junior Orchid Show A Success Story
Presenter	Art Chadwick Founder Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc.	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Ron McHatton Chief Education and Science Officer	Barb Schmidt AOS Education Committee member

If you do not have internet access, you can contact the AOS Education Committee, Sandra Svoboda at stillisch@cox.net and request a program from the recorded list. <http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Webinars-for-Affiliated-Societies-7-24-19.pdf> The video file with instructions for use will be sent to you. Copy the file to a flash drive or copy it to your computer hard drive and show the webinar at the meeting.

To view REGISTRATION is REQUIRED: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.aspx>

Cannot make it on the scheduled date or time? No need to worry. Register anyway!

We digitize the webinars and they are available to view at your leisure from the same webpage.

Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org

If you want to view independently from home, you can join live, either on your computer or by phone. ALL past webinars are recorded and indexed by topic, for future viewing.

FOR YOUR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Remember to let your society members know, we want to sweeten the deal and give them every possible reason to join AOS today! If they become an American Orchid Society member, they have considerably more resources available to help make orchid growing enjoyable and successful.

It's a Celebration! You can be a part of it!

The American Orchid Society headquarters at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida, has been chosen by The United States Postal Service as the host site for the release of new stamps in 2020 - Wild Orchids! The postal service holds a First Day of Issue Ceremony for each new stamp release the day the stamps go on sale across the USA. The new stamps will be available to purchase during this event. The AOS will host the First Day of Issue Ceremony for these stamps on February 21, 2020 at 11:00 am. The celebration will take place at the AOS Library located inside Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. <https://www.fairchildgarden.org/Horticulture/American-Orchid-Society-at-Fairchild>



Each stamp features a photograph of one of nine species that grows wild in the United States. Identified left to right row one: 1 *Triphora trianthophoros*, 2 *Cypripedium californicum*, 3 *Hexalectris spicata*, 4 *Cypripedium reginae*, 5 *Spiranthes odorata*

Identified left to right row two: 6 *Platanthera leucophaea*, 7 *Triphora trianthophoros*, 8 *Platanthera grandiflora*, 9 *Cyrtopodium polyphyllum*, 10 *Calopogon tuberosus*

CULTURE CONNECTION

CULTIVATE, to grow in a prepared medium

Visit the AOS website for a Monthly Checklist on Orchid Care

<http://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/january-february-checklist.aspx>

February: BEGINNERS START HERE Basic Orchid Care Tips for Successfully Growing and Flowering Plants
By Ron McHatton, PhD

KNOWING WHICH ORCHID YOU ARE trying to grow is your key to its cultural requirements. Orchids, like all plants, need a balance of light, air, water and food to grow and flower well. Let's examine each of these elements.

LIGHT Without enough light, orchids may produce lush-looking growths but no flowers. Not giving orchids enough light is the most common reason for failure to bloom. The old notion of orchids growing in dark jungles still persists and it couldn't be further from the truth. In reality, many have developed as epiphytes to take advantage of brighter light available in the upper forest canopy.

Provide orchids with as much light as they will take without burning. This means that the foliage should not be a lush, dark green. Orchids grown under sufficient light will have lighter, somewhat yellow-green foliage and strong upright growths.

AIR Orchid roots, and eventually the entire plant, will die if they do not receive air. This is the reason that, with the exception of a few terrestrial varieties, they do not grow in soil. Orchid potting media should be open, with exceptionally good drainage, yet capable of holding sufficient moisture to support the plant's needs. Orchid plants are also intolerant of a stale, stagnant environment. You should strive for a buoyant atmosphere and gentle air movement must be provided at all times. For orchids grown in the home, this can be provided by an overhead paddle fan set on its lowest setting or a portable oscillating fan directed away from the plants.

WATER Without question, more orchids are killed by incorrect watering than by any other reason. Proper watering consists of two separate components: quantity and frequency. Orchids should be watered just as they dry out. There's unfortunately no magic formula; i.e., water a plant in a 6-inch (15-cm) pot every seven days and you'll be trouble free. This is because your growing area is different from anyone else's. Humidity, air movement, potting medium (type and age) and light levels all play a role.

There are several ways to determine when a potted orchid is almost dry: 1) The surface of the potting mix will appear dry. 2) Dry pots will feel lighter. 3) Clay pots feel dry. 4) A wooden stake or skewer inserted into the potting mix will come out almost dry. If in doubt, a finger inserted into the potting mix is perhaps the best tool to determine the moisture content of the potting mix. It will cause no harm to the plant.

When orchids are watered, they should be watered copiously. Water should be provided until it runs freely from the drainage holes. Not only does this soak the potting medium but it also flushes salts that naturally accumulate. At a minimum, try to thoroughly water plants at least once a month.

Watering frequency can be controlled by the choice of pot. For those who really like to water their plants or live in humid, rainy areas, clay pots, especially slotted pots are a good choice. Growers in drier climates or those who tend not to water often enough might want to use plastic pots to hold moisture longer.

FERTILIZER Orchids will grow and flower, given that their other requirements are met, for fairly long periods without fertilizer but you'll get better results with some level of fertilizing. Typically, plants are fertilized once a week during the summer and every two weeks in the autumn and winter. Regardless of the fertilizer that you choose to use, most experienced growers use no more than half the label- recommended strength. It's best to water first to wet the potting medium before you fertilize.

Fertilizers used on orchids should contain little or no urea. This is because soil organisms must first convert the nitrogen in urea to a form useable by plants, and because orchids do not grow in soil, this conversion does not occur efficiently. The old conventional wisdom used to be that orchids grown in bark mixes needed to be fertilized with formulations high in nitrogen, i.e., 30-10-10. We now understand that these high-nitrogen fertilizers aren't necessary. For a more detailed discussion of fertilizer and its dependence on water quality, see the June 2003 and February 2008 issues of Orchids magazine or view copies of pertinent articles on line at the Society's Web site (www.aos.org).

OBSERVATION Most experienced growers will agree that observation is the most important key to growing orchids well. Examining your plants on a regular basis will allow you to adjust and correct any problems before they become severe. (As pertinent now, as it was then - Reprinted with permission ORCHIDS VOL. 77 NO.8 AUGUST 2008)

AOS members have access to over 2,050 articles published between the years 2003 - 2009 and 2011 - 2018 through the digital archives. <http://www.aos.org/about-us/orchids-magazine.aspx>

Worth the Read - ORCHIDS February Preview

Here be Dragons - Fantastic New Catamodes Hybrids by Fred Clarke

In the February issue of ORCHIDS, Fred Clarke rolls out another insightful article on the wild world of Catasetinae hybrids. After reading about Catamodes, you will be yearning to grow some of your own! Once you see the beauty and learn the cultural needs of the Catasetinae you will want to give them a try.

This series of articles in ORCHIDS began June 2019 with The Catasetinae — Part 1 - The Cat's Meow: New Developments in Breeding and Growing Catasetums. August featured The Catasetinae — The Catasetinae — Part 2 - Clowesetums — Breeding Clowesias with Catasetums and October offered The Catasetinae — Part 3 - Breeding with Goblins — The Latest Developments in Mormodes Hybrids.

Don't miss out! Membership offers something for everyone - Coming in February 2020

For the Novice - Artificial Light Intensity and Supplemental Lighting by Ray Barkalow

Collector's Item - *Bulbophyllum beccarii* by Jerry Lee Fisher

GREAT Ideas - Foundations for Greenhouses by Jean Allen-Ikeson

A New Lighting Option for Indoor Orchid Growing: T5 HO LED Replacements for Fluorescent Grow Lights by A'na Sa'tara

Liparis liliifolia - A "lily" of an Orchid by Soraya Cates Parr

Lindleyana - ×Cattlianthe dabeibaensis - A New Intergeneric Natural Hybrid in Colombia by Ruben Sauleda, Andrea Niessen and Juan Carlos Uribe

Book Review - Orchids as Aphrodisiac, Medicine or Food

LOOK for your awarded orchids in the sixteen-page awards gallery in each issue of ORCHIDS! The magazine awards gallery features all of the awards granted month by month in the previous year.

LOOK on the AOS website to find the most recently awarded orchids! Exhibits are also included in the latest awards gallery. Check it out to get some great ideas for your next display.

<https://secure.aos.org/orchid-awards.aspx>

AOS members have exclusive access to thousands of awarded photos in OrchidPro!

Sign on to the AOS website. Click on your name on the top right side of the page to find the dropdown menu. Select OrchidPro. Be inspired!



Pleurothallis Memoria Carlyle Luer 'Bryon' HCC | AOS (78 points)

Pleurothallis teaguei x Pleurothallis bivalvis

Award No: 20193059 Date: Dec 21, 2019 Event: Great Plains Center Monthly Judging Judging Center: Great Plains Judging Center Exhibitor: Bryon K. Rinke Photographer: Bryon K. Rinke



Maxillaria luteograndiflora 'Windy Hill' HCC | AOS (77 points)

Award No: 20193758 Date: Dec 14, 2019 Event: Mid-America Center Monthly Judging Judging Center: Mid-America Judging Center Exhibitor: Marilyn LeDoux Photographer: Matthew Nutt



American Orchid Society Show Trophy 'Howard P. Martin' ST | AOS (83 points)

Award No: 20196250 Date: Nov 09, 2019 Event: Niagara Frontier Orchid Society Show (Hamburg, NY)
Judging Center: Toronto Judging Center Exhibitor: Howard Peter Martin Photographer: Ed Cott

Please send your questions and submissions for the AOS Corner to
askmasc@verizon.net or affiliated_societies_committee@aos.org

Thanks for meeting me down at the Corner!

Eileen Hector, AOS Corner - Affiliated Societies Newsletter Editor

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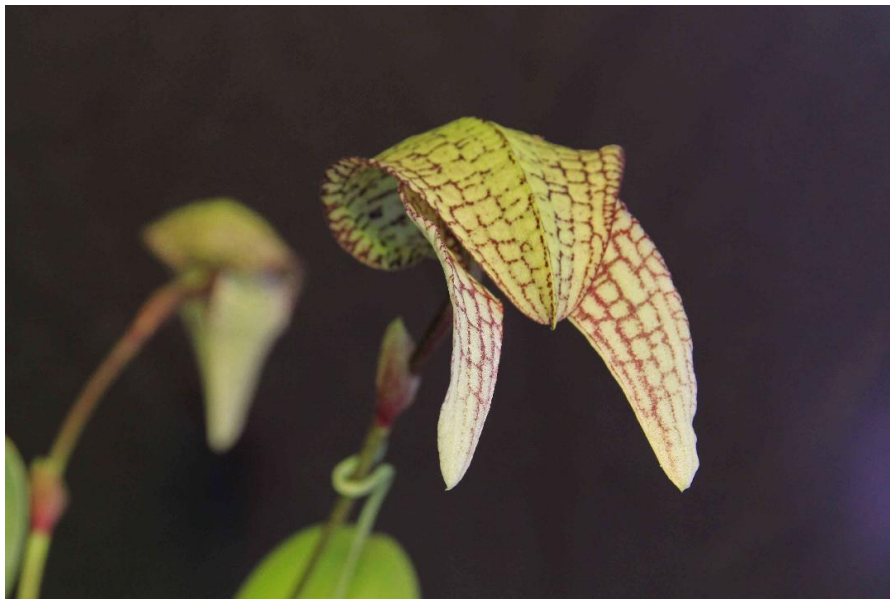
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Dracula Swamp Fox 'Anna Claire' JC/AOS
Eron Borne's Plant



Fdk. Desert Bordeaux 'Louisiana' HCC/ASO 79 pts
Al Taylor's plant



Humphreys' AM/AOS 83 pts. Dennis Wallard's plant

Bulb. Taiwan Cicad 'Sheri



Rlc. Montana Spirit 'Big Sky' HCC/AOS 76 pts. Eron Borne's plant



Den. 'Petra Flanegin' HCC/AOS

76 pts. Meta Flanegin's plant



Cl. Diane Drisch 'Louisiana' AM/AOS 81 pts. Al Taylor's plant



Mary Mancini's plant

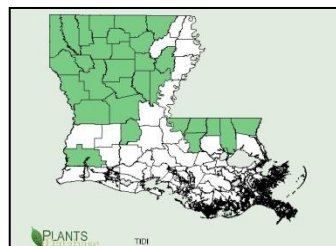
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Native Orchid of the Month—February

Tipularia discolor (crippled crane fly orchid)

Tipularia discolor or crippled crane fly orchid is widely distributed throughout the eastern United States and it is found across most of northern Louisiana (see map). Its habitat is in rich soil of deciduous woodlands; frequently in sandy, acid oak-pine near streams.

The plant is easy to identify during the winter months because of its distinctive leaves. The dull to shiny green leaves (sometimes with raised spots) and purple on the bottom side show up well against a brown cover of dead leaves and needles. They appear as single oval shaped



humus-woods

purple ground leaves

that emerge in autumn (September and October), over-winter, and disappear in the late spring. There are no leaves at the time the orchid blooms.



Usually, the leaves wither away by the April. The flowering stem is 15 to 20 tall, erect, herbaceous, greenish-glabrous, and essentially leafless. It originates from a small corm to flower June to September and may have up to



end of inches brown,

from 40 small, spindly, flowers.

fly-like appearance. It is one of few orchids with distinctly asymmetrical

Moths pollinate the plant. The flowers have pollinaria. Pollinaria are specialized structures containing pollen found in orchids. The moth travels to flower, the pollinaria attaches to the moth's eyes, and then the moth can transfer the pollinaria to another flower for pollination.

the transfer

