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Orchid species diversity: A review of the literature and future research directions

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Abstract

Illustrations, distribution, and a taxonomy description are included for simple and precise identification. In this paper, the current status of orchid diversity resources is discussed. This aim is to accurately identify and evaluate orchid species using taxonomy in order to determine their habitat, phenology, locality, voucher specimen, and currently recognized botanical names.

Keywords: Diversity resources, habitat, identification, orchid species

Introduction

A captivating genus of flowering plants, orchids are remarkably diverse and ecologically significant on a global scale. Among monocotyledons, orchids, which are members of the Orchidaceae family, are deemed to be the most highly evolved in terms of floral specialization and diverse shape. With 600-800 genera and 25,000-35,000 species, they are the most highly evolved family of monocotyledons in terms of taxonomy.

There is a remarkable variety in the size, shape, and color of orchid blossoms. There is evidence that certain orchid species, such as *Vanda roxburghii*, *Vanda tessellata*, *Eulophia campestris*, *Dendrobium nobile*, and *Orchis latifolia*, have therapeutic uses. Although there are many epiphytic orchids, the commercial orchids are both terrestrial and epiphytic. For commercial production, both monopodial (growing on a single stem) and sympodial (growing on multiple stems) are preferred.

Morphology of orchids

The Perennial herbs with simple leaves make up the majority of orchids. While the specialized floral structure is consistent, there is a lot of variation in the vegetative components, with many being terrestrial or epiphytes and a few saprophytes having no leaves. (Tiwari *et.al*, 2024) ^[4]
Orchid flowers are all carried in inflorescences, which can be branched panicles, simple racemes, or spikes. Orchid blossoms are zygomorphic.

I) Based on Growth Habit

Epiphytes: Grow on tree trunks and branches. *Vanda spp*

Lithophytes are plants that grow on rocks. *Lipapis spp.*

Terrestrial: Grow on the soil. *Habenaria spp.* (S. Vinodia, A. K. Dixit 2017) ^[3]

Saprophytes: Grow on organic and dead substances. *Epipogon roseum*

Subterranean: Grow in semi-aquatic or watery environments. *Vanda spp*

II) Based on Vegetative Growth

Sympodial orchids: The growth habit of sympodial orchids is determinate. Swollen stems called pseudobulbs are produced by plants and are utilized to store food and water. (Ex- Cattelya, Epidendrum, Cymbidium, Dendrobium).

Monopodial orchids: The terminal growth habit of monopodial orchids is indeterminate. Plants have aerial roots that serve as an anchor when they grow higher. (Ex- Arachnis, Vanda, Phalaenopsis, Calathea)

Three sepals, three petals, and the gynostemium, or column, make up the flower's seven constituent parts. The most appealing feature of the flower is the lip, also known as the labellum, which is actually a highly modified petal.

Climate and soil

Humidity: Orchids desire a humidity of 75-85% in the summer and 50-55% in the winter.

Light: At least six hours a day of bright, indirect light is usually sufficient for orchids to flourish, much like their natural habitat under tree canopies. Steer clear of direct sunlight as it may burn their foliage. Make sure the artificial light you use is bright, filtered, and replicates the spectrum of sunlight.

Temperature: Orchids prefer temperatures that vary from 20 to 32 °C during the day and a little lower at night, though this depends on the species and hybrid. Warmer temperatures are preferred by many orchids, such as Phalaenopsis and Vanda, whilst Cattleya and Oncidium prefer moderate temperatures. It is generally advised to maintain a temperature differential between day and night of 5.5-8 C. (Tiwari and Kumar 2014 Orchid cultivation and management, New India Publishimhg Agency 2014) [4].

Atmosphere: Orchid production need both fresh air and adequate circulation. Light winds that never stop are a good source of carbon dioxide for photosynthesis.

Propagation: Orchids can be cultivated using tissue culture, seeds, and other vegetative techniques. Using top cuttings,

monopodial orchids such as Mokara, Aerides, Vanda, and Arachnis can be multiplied. Dendrobium, Cattleya, Oncidium, Miltonia, Paphiopedilum, and Cymbidium are examples of sympodial orchids that can be multiplied through division. It is also possible to use the keikis, or shoots, that develop on the plants. Keikis are found in Ascocenda, Epidendrum, and Dendrobium.

Cultivation

Planting: Orchids are frequently planted in plastic pots, earthen pots, baskets, tree fern blocks, wooden trays, and coconut husks. Lighter media, such as charcoal, coconut husk, and tree fern fiber, are used to grow orchids in hanging pots or baskets. For terrestrial orchids, clay pots work well. Epiphytes are kept in plastic pots.

Potting media: The best potting medium for epiphytic orchids' vegetative growth and flowering is a mixture of equal parts charcoal, brick fragments, and coconut fiber. Sand, soil, and leaf mold in equal amounts. Various amounts of clay soil, bone meal, sawdust, charcoal dust, manure, wood savings, etc. are also utilized to ensure that terrestrial orchids thrive well. (Tiwari and Kumar 2014) [4].

Manuring and fertilization: Since they are light feeders, orchids need nitrogen throughout the first two-thirds of their life cycle. High amounts of potassium and low levels of phosphate and nitrogen are maintained during the flowering period. High-quality flower production is achieved by applying a concentration of 0.2-0.3% of 30:10:10 (N:P:K) during the vegetative stage and 10:20:20 (N:P:K) during the blooming stage.

Enumerations

| Serial no. | Orchid species | Description | Habitat | Flowering |
|------------|--|--|--|---------------------|
| 1 | <i>Acampe papillosa</i> (Lindl.) | Yellow, mildly fragrant flowers that are 1 cm across; sepals and petals are yellow with transverse bands of reddish brown; the lip is white with a hint of purple-red. | Epiphyte on the trunk of a tree | November - December |
| 2 | <i>Acampe rigida</i> (Buch.-Ham. ex Sm.) | Lips are white with longitudinal stripes of purplish brown above; flowers are yellow with transverse stripes of purplish brown. | On huge branches or tree trunks, epiphytes grow. | June - July |
| 3 | <i>Acanthephippium striatum</i> | Creamy white tubular flowers with parallel red veining measure 3.5 to 4.5 cm in diameter. | Growing in damp, shady areas along stream banks and in thick forests. | June - July |
| 4 | <i>Aerides odorata</i> Lour. | Fragrant flowers, 2.2-2.5 cm wide, white with purple spots near the tips. | An epiphyte in a lowland rainforest. | May-June |
| 5 | <i>Aerides rosea</i> Lodd. ex Lindl. & Paxton | The fragrant, purplish-pink flowers open widely, about 2 cm across, and are dotted with white and dark pink. | With mixed deciduous and wet evergreen forests, epiphytes | May |
| 6 | <i>Agrostophyllum planicaule</i> (Wall. ex Lindl.) Rchb.f. | Flowers are white, 6-8 mm in circumference | Amid mixed deciduous and wet evergreen forests, epiphytes | August - October. |
| 7 | <i>Anoectochilus brevifolius</i> Lindl. | Delicate pinkish, white-lip flowers are nearly 2.5 cm long. | In a densely humid nature with evergreens | April - June |
| 8 | <i>Anoectochilus roxburghii</i> (Wall.) Lindl. | White or pink flowers; lips are white | terrestrial with a robust, damp forest of evergreens. | July-August |
| 9 | <i>Biermannia bimaculata</i> (King & Pantl.) | White, sweet-smelling, 2-3, distichous flowers with petals measuring 1-1.2 cm across. | In a dense, moist evergreen forests, epiphytic. | April - May |
| 10 | <i>Bulbophyllum affine</i> Lindl. | Flowers are solitary, about 3 cm long, and white with pink accents. | With mixed deciduous and wet evergreen forests, epiphytes | June-August |
| 11 | <i>Bulbophyllum andersonii</i> (Hook.f.) J.J.Sm. | The flowers are 1.5 cm long, with purple lips and white, purplish-red-spotted sepals and petals. | Epiphyte in humid evergreen and mixed deciduous forests. | October |
| 12 | <i>Bulbophyllum careyanum</i> (Hook.) Spreng. | Purplish-brown flowers that are 0.5-0.8 cm long. | In a profound, humid, evergreen forest, epiphytes grow on tree trunks. | October-December |
| 13 | <i>Bulbophyllum delitescens</i> | Brownish-red flowers | In a dense, humid evergreen forest | June-July |

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| 14 | <i>Bulbophyllum ebulbum</i> | Pale green flowers with petals that are around 0.8 cm long | In a wide, humid, evergreen forest, epiphytes thrive on tree trunks. | May- June. |
| 15 | <i>Bulbophyllum odoratissimum</i> (Sm.) Lindl. ex Wall. | White, fragrant, 5-7 mm long flower. | Near a waterfall in a robust, humid evergreen forest, an epiphyte | May-September |
| 16 | <i>Bulbophyllum ornatissimum</i> (Rchb.f.) J.J.Sm. | Yellow flowers with an accent of brown | This epiphyte grows in an evergreen forest. | June-October |
| 17 | <i>Bulbophyllum protractum</i> Hook.f. | Pale yellow flowers that are 0.6 cm long | Epiphyte proliferation in an evergreen forest | June- July |
| 18 | <i>Bulbophyllum spatulatum</i> (Rolfe ex E.W.Cooper) Seidenf. (Panda, S.P 2024) ^[11] | The crimson flowers were 1.6 cm long and heavily speckled. | Epiphytic in secondary evergreen and riverine forests. | April |
| 19 | <i>Calanthe lyroglossa</i> Rchb.f. | Yellow, tiny flowers that become black when dried. | terrestrial along riverbanks in moist areas | November-February |
| 20 | <i>Calanthe sylvatica</i> (Thouars) Lindl. | Flowers with a purple lip and a delicate pinkish purple color that can occasionally flush orange | terrestrial along riverbanks in moist areas. | August - September. |
| 21 | <i>Ceratostylis sabulata</i> | A profound, humid, evergreen forest's tree trunk is habitat to epiphytes. | In a wide, humid, evergreen forest, an epiphyte grows on the stumps of trees. | May - August. |
| 22 | <i>Chrysoglossum ornatum</i> Blume | Green flowers with reddish-brown lines, 2 cm across; column white, lip white or yellowish dotted with purple. | Shaded and humid locations in evergreen forests. | August - October |
| 23 | <i>Chrysoglossum robinsonii</i> Ridl. | Flowers are 2 cm across, with green petals and sepals, a white lip, and a yellow column. | Humid and shaded areas in dense woodlands | June - July |
| 24 | <i>Cleisocentron pallens</i> (Cathcart ex Lindl.) | Pinkish flowers which range from 2.5 to 2.8 cm in dimensions, with pale straw-colored sepals and petals and a pink band in the center | Evergreen woodlands with epiphytic trees on their trunks. | June - July |
| 25 | <i>Cleisostoma appendiculatum</i> (Lindl.) Benth. & Hook.f. ex B.D.Jacks. | 1.5 cm in diameter, with buff sepals and purple longitudinal lines on the petals. | in evergreen forest environments, epiphytic on tree trunks. | August-October |
| 26 | <i>Cleisostoma filiforme</i> (Lindl.) Garay | Sepals and petals are yellowish green with reddish brown stripes, the lip is white with a purple-red midlobe, and the column is yellow. The flowers are around 1.3 cm across. | Epiphytic on host evergreen tree in dense forests | April-June. |
| 27 | <i>Cleisostoma linearilobatum</i> (Seidenf. & Smitinand) Garay | Little yellow flowers with a pinkish-white lip that become brown. | Epiphytes on host tree in dense greenery forests | May-July |
| 28 | <i>Cleisostoma paniculatum</i> (Ker Gawl.) Garay | Enormous flower opening; yellowish green sepals and petals with purple spots inside; yellow lip | Epiphytes | September-February |
| 29 | <i>Cleisostoma racemiferum</i> (Lindl.) Garay | Sepals, petals, and lips are yellow with brownish red dots, and the flowers are 1 cm across. | Epiphytic | July-September |
| 30 | <i>Cleisostoma simondii</i> (Gagnep.) Seidenf. | Purple-marked yellowish-green flowers | In both deciduous and evergreen forests, epiphytes grow on the trunks of trees with thick bark. | August-October |
| 31 | <i>Cleisostoma subulatum</i> Blume | Sepals and petals are yellow with intramarginal brown stripes, and the base of the flowers is white. The flowers are about 1 cm across. | Epiphytes on host tree in dense humid greenery forest | May - June. |
| 32 | <i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i> Lindl. | Flowers are pale yellow, 3-4 cm across, with yellowish sepals and petals, a yellowish lip with fimbriate edges, three brownish keels, and a brownish lip and column base. | Epiphytes on dense humid forest host trees. | October-December |
| 33 | <i>Coelogyne ovalis</i> Lindl. (Kumar,S 1997) | Flowers with purplish lip stripes and a greenish yellow color | Host specific epiphytes | August-December. |
| 34 | <i>Corymborkis veratrifolia</i> (Reinw.) | White, fragrant, 3.2-3.8 cm long flowers that do not spread extensively | Terrestrial in a lush, damp, evergreen forest with tall herbs growing beneath it, in shade | March - May |
| 35 | <i>Cymbidium aloifolium</i> (L.) (KOTIA, A., et.al, 2013) ^[7] | Lip cream-colored, 4-5 cm across, mildly fragrant, with pale yellow to cream-yellow sepals and petals with a wide maroon-brown stripe in the center. | Epiphytic host specific | April - May; |
| 36 | <i>Cymbidium bicolor</i> Lindl. | Flowers are 3-4 cm in diameter, with yellow sepals and petals and a longitudinal stripe of purplish red in the center. The lip color is cream- yellow. | In a deep, humid, evergreen forest, an epiphyte grows on tree trunks. | May - June. |
| 37 | <i>Cymbidium dayanum</i> Rchb.f. | Sepals and petals are white with a central maroon stripe, and the lip is maroon with a hint of white at the base. The flowers are 4 to 5 cm across. | In a dense, humid, evergreen forest, an epiphytic grows on host tree. | June - July. |
| 38 | <i>Dendrobium acinaciforme</i> Roxb. | About 1 cm long, yellowish-white flowers. | Epiphytic on greenery forest. | June - August. |
| 39 | <i>Dendrobium aduncum</i> Lindl. | Pale purple flowers, 1-2 cm in diameter, with pale pink sepals and petals, a white lip, and a white column | On a tiny tree stem in a thick, damp evergreen forest, an epiphyte | May |
| 40 | <i>Dendrobium aphyllum</i> (Roxb.) C.E.C.Fisch. | Pale rose flowers that are 4.5-5 cm wide with a lip yellow coloured. | In an open woodland or mixed deciduous forest, epiphytes | April - May. |
| 41 | <i>Dendrobium cathcartii</i> Hook.f. | Greenish-yellow, aromatic flowers that are 2 cm across with a yellow-purple lip | On humid evergreen forest, Epiphyte on host tree | April - May. |

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| 42 | <i>Dendrobium cumulatum</i> Lindl | White with purple flowers; yellow-suffused white lips. | Epiphyte on tree trunk in forest along a small stream | March - May |
| 43 | <i>Dendrobium fimbriatum</i> Hook. | Sepals and petals are golden yellow, and the lip is golden yellow, either with or without a maroon blotch. The flowers are 4-5 cm across. | In humid evergreen trees as well as mixed deciduous forests, epiphytes | March - May |
| 44 | <i>Dendrobium lituiflorum</i> Lindl. | Flowers are 4-5 cm across, with a deep purple spot encircled by a white circle on the pale purple inner surface of the lip. | On tree trunks in open woodlands, epiphytic | April - May |
| 45 | <i>Dendrobium moschatum</i> Griff. | A deep yellow disk with a pale purplish brown patch on either side, the flower is orange-yellow and 5-7 cm wide. | Epiphytes on host tree in open greenery forest. | April - June |
| 46 | <i>Dendrobium nobile</i> Lindl. | Flowers are 5 to 7 cm across, with a deep purple blotch in the center and a purple lip at the tip and a white merging with purple at the apex. | Epiphyte is found in lowland, damp evergreen forests. | April - May |
| 47 | <i>Dendrobium stuposum</i> Lindl. | Little white flowers with a drab yellow patch on the edge. | Epiphytic on the branches of trees in mountain and open forests | June-August |
| 48 | <i>Dendrobium sulcatum</i> Lindl. | 2.5-3.5 cm across, golden yellow flowers with a reddish-purple lip at the base | Epiphyte on host specific tree in greenery forest. | April-May. |
| 49 | <i>Dendrobium terminale</i> C.S.P.Parish & Rchb.f. | White-flushed pink, 1-1.2 cm long flowers. | Epiphytes on host tree at dense forest | April - June. |
| 50 | <i>Dendrobium transparens</i> Wall. ex Lindl. (Hartati, S 2022) ^[10] | Flowers are 4-5 cm across, with a huge purple patch on the disc and a white lip with purple shades on the sepals and petals. | Epiphyte on branches of trees at woodland forest | April - May. |
| 51 | <i>Didymoplexis pallens</i> Griff. | Flowers are white coloured, 0.8 cm across. | Growing in a bamboo forest on land i.e, terrestrial. | May - June |
| 52 | <i>Diploprora championii</i> (Lindl.) Hook.f. | The flower is 1 cm wide and pale yellow with a white-rosy lip. | Growing epiphytically in woodlands on the branches of tiny trees. | March - June |
| 53 | <i>Epipogium roseum</i> (D.Don) Lindl. | Leafless mycotrophic, cream, yellow or pinkish flowers with bulge ovary | Terrestrial in evergreen dense forest. | October-December |
| 54 | <i>Eria acervata</i> Lindl. | White flowers that are nearly 1.5 cm expansive. | Epiphytic in robust humid evergreenery forests | May- July |
| 55 | <i>Eria amica</i> Rchb.f. | Pale yellow flowers, about 1.2 cm across, with reddish-brown nerves. | In an evergreen forest that is deep and wet, epiphytes. | March-May. |
| 56 | <i>Eria connata</i> J.Joseph, S.N.Hegde & Abbar. | Creamy white flowers with a golden lip that are around 0.5 cm across | Epiphyte amid a thick, humid forest of evergreens | July-September |
| 57 | <i>Eria ferruginea</i> Lindl. | Flower are pinkish coloured, about 2 cm across. | Epiphytic in robust humid evergreenery forests. | June- July |
| 58 | <i>Eria lasiopetala</i> (Willd.) Ormerod | Yellow tomentose flowers that are nearly 1.5 cm expansive. | In humid evergreen and mixed deciduous forests, epiphytes are found. | March-April. |
| 59 | <i>Eria paniculata</i> Lindl. | Flowers are yellow greenish. | Epiphytic in humid evergreenery forests. | December-March. |
| 60 | <i>Eria pannea</i> Lindl. | Pale yellow-green flowers with a dark purple lip. | Epiphytic in woodland forest. | May - July |
| 61 | <i>Eria pudica</i> Ridl. | Pinkish-white, pubescent, buff flowers with darker stripes. | In forests of deciduous and forests with evergreens, epiphytes are found. | April-August |
| 62 | <i>Eria pumila</i> Lindl. | Pink-flushed white flowers. | In humid evergreen and mixed deciduous forests, epiphytes are found. | January-March. |
| 63 | <i>Eria tomentosa</i> (J.Koenig) Hook.f. (Choden, K 2021) ^[8] | Flowers are orange-yellow and about 1.5 cm wide. | In forests of deciduous and forests with evergreens, host specific epiphytes are found. | September-November. |
| 64 | <i>Eulophia hormusjii</i> Duthie | Brownish colour flowers, 3-4 cm in diameter. | Terrestrial, growing on loose, bare soil. | August-December. |
| 65 | <i>Flickingeria fugax</i> (Rchb.f.) Seidenf. | White flowers that are fugacious and 3-3.5 cm across. | Epiphytes in mixed deciduous and wet evergreen forests. | March - October |
| 66 | <i>Gastrochilus calceolaris</i> (Buch- Ham. ex Sm.) D.Don | The sepals and petals are yellow with reddish brown markings, the lip is white with purple-red markings, and the flowers open widely. | Epiphyte in mixed deciduous and wet evergreen forests. | October - November. |
| 67 | <i>Gastrochilus dasypogon</i> (Sm.) Kuntze | Yellow flowers that are 1.5-2 cm wide and with brownish-purple lines | Epiphyte in mixed deciduous and moist evergreen forests | October - November |
| 68 | <i>Gastrochilus inconspicuus</i> (Hook.f.) Kuntze | Flowers are 0.5 cm across and could vary between white or yellowish-green. | Epiphyte in mixed deciduous along with humid evergreen forests | June - July. |
| 69 | <i>Geodorum densiflorum</i> (Lam.) Schltr. | White to pinkish flowers with crimson-purple venation and streaks on the lip and a yellow callus in the center. | In grassland and evergreen forests, terrestrial | June - July. |
| 70 | <i>Goodyera procera</i> (Ker Gawl.) Hook. | Fragrant, weakly opening flowers with a pale green tint and a white tint | terrestrial, both on rock in a stream and on the bank of a small stream, as well as in an evergreen forests. | April - June. |
| 72 | <i>Hetaeria affinis</i> (Griff.) Seidenf. & Ormerod | The green, pink-tipped, gently expanding flowers are 5-6 mm wide, with a white lip. | Flower expanding a little green, pink-tipped, 5-6 mm wide, lip white | April- May |
| 73 | <i>Kingidium deliciosum</i> (Rchb.f.) | Greenish yellow flowers with spots of purple on the lip | In a shaded area in a humid evergreen forest, epiphyte grows in gallery forest | May - July. |

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| | | | by a large river. | |
| 74 | <i>Liparis mannii</i> Rchb.f. | Yellowish flowers that measure 5 mm in diameter | In a damp evergreen woodland, epiphytic | November - January |
| 75 | <i>Liparis viridiflora</i> (Blume) Lindl. | Pale greenish yellow or greenish white flowers | Epiphyte in mixed deciduous and submerged evergreen forests | April - May. |
| 76 | <i>Luisia trichorhiza</i> (Hook.) Blume | Flowers are around 1.5 cm across and have a bluish green color with faint purple streaks. | Growing on exposed trees in a humid evergreen forest, epiphytes | March - May |
| 77 | <i>Luisia zeylanica</i> Lindl. | Greenish yellow flowers with a purple underside | Growing on exposed trees in a humid evergreen forest, epiphytes | April - May. |
| 78 | <i>Malaxis acuminata</i> D.Don | Flowers are 1.5 cm wide and purple red. | Terrestrial in the lowlands, on rocky soil, amid a green, damp evergreen forest. | June - July |
| 79 | <i>Malaxis latifolia</i> Blume | Flowers are 0.5 cm wide and pale purple. | Terrestrial in a damp, open grove of evergreens | May - June |
| 80 | <i>Micropera mannii</i> (Hook.f.) Tang & F.T.Wang | Flowers are 0.6-0.7 cm wide and pale-pink. | Evergreen tropical tree trunk epiphyte forest | June - July |
| 81 | <i>Micropera rostrata</i> (Roxb.) N.P.Balacr. | Pale-purple flowers, 1.5-2 cm in circumference. | Epiphytic on specific host tree in tropical forest. | April - May |
| 82 | <i>Nervilia juliana</i> (Roxb.) Schltr. | Purple-green, solitary flowers with a white lip speckled with pink | Growing on loose, open soil, terrestrial | May-July. |
| 83 | <i>Oberonia mucronata</i> (D.Don) Ormerod & Seidenf. | Flowers are yellow. | Epiphytic on branches of host tree in greenery tropical forests. | September - October. |
| 84 | <i>Papilionanthe teres</i> (Roxb.) Schltr. | Sepals and petals are white with a hint of pink or purplish, and the lip is deep purple-red. The flowers are 5-10 cm across. | In mixed deciduous forests, epiphytes can be found on scattered wayside trees. | April - May |
| 85 | <i>Phaius mishmensis</i> (Lindl. & Paxton) Rchb.f. | White, greenish yellow, or pinkish purple flowers, 4-5 cm across | Terrestrial, in the middle of a thick, humid evergreen forest, along a tiny flow. | November-January. |
| 86 | <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i> (Banks) Blume | Sepals and petals are white on the outside and reddish brown or brown on the inside, while the lip is white at the base and pink or red-pink at the entrance, with white stripes on the inside. Flowers are 7 to 12 cm across. | Terrestrial, moist, and shady forest areas | November-January |
| 87 | <i>Phalaenopsis mannii</i> Rchb.f. | Blooms are 3-4 cm in diameter; the sepals and petals are yellow with dark brown lines and patches; the midlobe of the lip is white; the column is yellow. | Epiphytic on evergreen woodland tree trunks | March - May |
| 88 | <i>Phalaenopsis parishii</i> Rchb.f. | White flowers that are 2 cm across and have two chestnut stripes on the lip | Epiphytic on open forest tree trunks | March - April. |
| 89 | <i>Pholidota articulata</i> | Flowers are 5 mm in size, greenish white or white with an accent of red. | Epiphyte near a waterfall in a dense, humid evergreen forest | July - October. |
| 90 | <i>Pholidota imbricata</i> Hook. | White flowers that are 5 mm wide. | On trees, epiphytes grow in humid evergreen forests. | June - August. |
| 91 | <i>Podochilus cultratus</i> Lindl. | White in colour, 5 mm long flowers | In a moist, evergreen tropical forest, epiphytes grow on tree trunks. | April - May. |
| 92 | <i>Podochilus khasianus</i> Hook.f. | White coloured, tiny flowers. | In a humid, evergreen tropical forest, epiphytes grow on the branches of trees. | June - August. |
| 93 | <i>Pomatocalpa undulatum</i> (Lindl.) J.J.Sm. | Purple-blotched yellow flowers, 8 mm across, with a purple-blotched lip. | In the humid, tropical evergreen forest, epiphytes | March - May. |
| 94 | <i>Pteroceras suaveolens</i> (Roxb.) Holtum | About 1.5 cm across, the flower is yellow with brownish lines and has a dark purple lip tip. | The damp evergreen tropical forest's epiphyte. | June - July |
| 95 | <i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i> (L.) Blume (Kumar, S 1997) | Sepals and petals are white with pink or pastel purple spots, the apex is white, and the flowers are 1.7-2.3 cm across. | In the moist, tropical evergreen forest, epiphytes | May - June |
| 96 | <i>Robiquetia spathulate</i> (Blume) J.J.Sm. | Yellow flowers with stripes and patches of purple brown | Humid evergreen epiphyte forest | May - July. |
| 97 | <i>Taeniophyllum crepidiforme</i> (King & Pantl.) | Tiny, purple-tinged, greenish-white flowers | Epiphyte in a humid evergreen forest areas. | August-September |
| 98 | <i>Tainia latifolia</i> (Lindl.) Rchb.f. | Flowers are dark brown, 2 cm wide, and have a yellow lip. | In a densely humid nature with evergreen trees | March - May |
| 99 | <i>Tainia minor</i> Hook.f. | Purplish brown flowers with deep purple dotted lines, 1.5 cm across, with a purplish brown tinge on the lip. | Terrestrial in heavy humidity Forest of Evergreens | June - August. |
| 100 | <i>Tainia waryana</i> | Flowers are 3 cm across, greenish with a red flush, and have a white lip. | Terrestrial in heavy humidity Forest of Evergreens | June - July. |
| 101 | <i>Thelasis longifolia</i> Hook.f. | Green flowers that do not bloom widely and are tiny | epiphytic in forests with evergreens. | June - August |
| 102 | <i>Thelasis pygmaea</i> (Griff.) Lindl. | Small, yellowish-green flowers that don't open widely. | In forests with a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees, epiphytic. | July-September. |
| 103 | <i>Thrixspermum acuminatissimum</i> (Blume) Rchb.f. | Yellow flowers; white lip streaked with yellow and reddish-brown. | growing in a cool, shaded area on the lateral branches of the host tree's lower canopy. | July-December. |
| 104 | <i>Thrixspermum centipeda</i> | White or creamy yellow flowers that gradually turn | In humid evergreen and mixed | May - |

| | Lour. | yellow. | deciduous forests, epiphytes are found | August. |
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| 105 | <i>Thrixspermum pygmaeum</i> (King & Pantl.) Holtum | White flowers, about 1 cm across. | In wet evergreen and mixed deciduous forests, epiphytes | May - August |
| 106 | <i>Trichotosia velutina</i> (Lodd. ex Lindl.) Kraenzl. (Ray, H 2022) ^[12] | Flowers are 1 cm wide and delicate white. | In a humid forest, epiphytes grow on tree trunks. | August - September. |
| 107 | <i>Tropidia curculigoides</i> Lindl. | Greenish white, 1.5 cm long flowers | Both terrestrial and evergreen montane forests are densely moist. | September-November. |
| 108 | <i>Tylostylis discolour</i> | Both terrestrial and evergreen montane forests are densely moist. | Mixed woods with tree epiphytes | January - March |
| 109 | <i>Zeuxine clandestine</i> Blume | Greenish-white flowers | Growing in a cool, shaded area in a dense forest | January-March. |
| 110 | <i>Zeuxine glandulosa</i> King & Pantl. | Flowers are 0.5 cm long, olivaceous green, with a white lip in the center that is confined. | Growing under shade and in a cold, dense woodland | March-April |
| 111 | <i>Zeuxine goodyeroides</i> Lindl. | Small, white, resupinate flowers. | Growing under shade and in a cold, dense woodland | January-February. |
| 112 | <i>Zeuxine longilabris</i> (Lindl.) | Greenish-white, tiny flowers | Growing on grassland, terrestrial | March - May. |
| 113 | <i>Zeuxine strateumatica</i> (L.) Schltr. (Kumar, S., 2025) | Small, resupinate, white flowers with a pale yellow to yellow lip | grows on grassland and is terrestrial. | January-March |

Conclusion

The orchid family is at high risk of extinction due to a number of factors, including the frequent and quick destruction of natural habitat through deforestation, upper layer soil erosion, overgrazing, herbicide effects that harm many saprophytic and terrestrial species, the expansion of agricultural lands through forest clearing, development plans, rapid urbanization, ignorance, and, lastly, indiscriminate collection for the floral industry, which aggravates the populations of the species in the domains.

Plant distributions must be recorded for conservation purposes. A good dwelling for orchids is provided by the ecological conditions, which include tropical and subtropical regions, well-drained soil, and shaded, forested areas. It is advised to conduct additional research on the population dynamics and habitat preferences of orchids in order to better understand their occurrence and create specific conservation plans.

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