

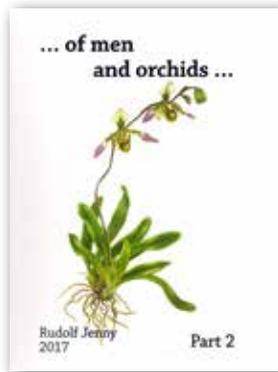
including nine species of *Platanthera* and six of *Cypripedium*.

The introductory part of the book emphasises the importance of conservation and biodiversity and discusses the actions taken locally to ensure these, which include the establishment of several reserves (see article p210). Manitoba provides a considerable range of orchid habitats, including forest, both coniferous and deciduous, prairie (which can be divided into several categories), wetlands of different kinds, tundra and taiga. All are described and illustrated with photographs. As many of the species occur elsewhere in Canada, this book is likely to have a wider use than just in Manitoba.

Besides a conventional key to the species, there is a quick reference guide with a thumbnail photograph of each species and a note on where they are found and when they flower.

The main part of the book consists of descriptions and photographs of the relevant genera and species. Each genus has two pages of text and photographs devoted to it, with descriptions of distinctive features and distribution, both worldwide and locally. These are followed by pages dealing with the individual species, covering the origin of the name, abundance, habitat, flowering time, description, aids to identification and comments. All the species are illustrated by a distribution map and numerous photographs, often showing the range of colour forms that might occur.

Few people visit Canada specifically to look for orchids, but many go there on holiday or to see relatives. Those of us who are interested in orchids will always take any opportunity that presents itself to see them, and for anyone visiting that part of the world, this little book will be invaluable. If you are going to Canada, do not leave home without it! *Isobyl la Croix*



### ...Of Men and Orchids... Part 2

by Rudolf Jenny  
312pp, hardback, many photographs and illustrations, 280 x 225mm, 2016, published by the author, ISBN 9789942283122. €100 plus postage, available from the author's website orchilibra.com.

This is the second volume in Rudolf Jenny's series '... Of Men and Orchids ...' (perhaps we should anticipate a volume '...Of Women and Orchids'...!). The book covers another arbitrary selection of orchid genera and species named for, named by or associated with, various men. The chapters are vaguely alphabetical according to the orchid featured but this is where all order ends; there is no clear line of time, place or context. In many ways this is the charm of the book where the reader can dip into snippets of orchid science and history.

Each chapter is lavishly illustrated with numerous reproductions and modern photographs of living plants. There follows biographical information and portraits of the linked person(s), and a list of literature cited has its own box at the end of each section.

Many of the connections are obvious with, for example, *Chilochista segarwai* and Sokichi Segawa; others are more tenuous, such as *Coelogyne pandurata* and HG Reichenbach. Several of the people included easily

deserve an entire tome in their own right and Jenny's book will hopefully inspire such work.

In the preface of Part 1, Jenny admits that the criteria for inclusion were based on the material he had available. Part 2 is built on the same concept – it similarly spans individuals from the last four centuries. One of the earliest is Michel Adanson and *Polystachya adansoniae*; more recent is Clarence Horich and *Teusbercia borichiana*.

The illustrations are an important part of the work and include some rare historical material; it is sometimes difficult to get a sense of scale, especially when small botanical drawings are greatly enlarged, but combined with modern photographs the reader is presented with a good overview.

The text is tightly packed with fascinating information and references; some may find the use of block capitals for surnames puzzling, and a few typographical and syntactical errors can be overlooked in a work of this magnitude. Jenny is to be commended on the large amount of information he has assembled, sometimes on obscure personalities and species.

*Of Men and Orchids... Part 2* is highly recommended for those interested in discovering the intriguing relationships between orchids, science, history and men. *Clare and Joban Hermans*

### Medicinal Orchids of Asia

by Eng Soon Teoh  
752pp, hardback, bibliography (c. 1,200 refs), glossary, index of the orchids (Latin names only), 281 b/w illustrations, 162 in colour, hardback, 2016 Springer, ISBN 9783319242729; eBook version ISBN 9783319242743. £180; eBook £143.50, available from the website [www.springer.com](http://www.springer.com).

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