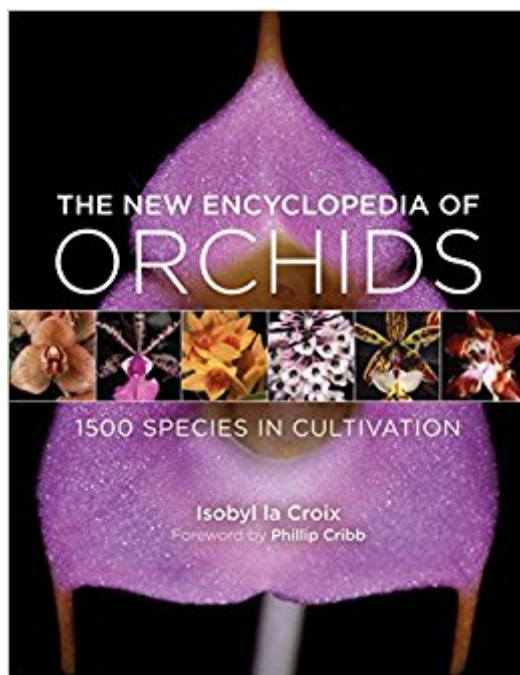


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# The New Encyclopedia Of Orchids: 1500 Species In Cultivation



## Synopsis

1500 orchid species are profiled in this authoritative, detailed, and carefully researched encyclopedia. Infinitely varied and hugely interesting, these strikingly beautiful plants are sumptuously illustrated with over 1000 photographs in a reference that no orchid lover can afford to be without. Isobyl la Croix is a scientist, plant hunter, and horticulturalist; her deep passion for orchids informs the plant selection and adds depth to the plant descriptions. The cultivation advice includes information about the orchid's native habitat—including elevation, geography, and climate. Recent developments in DNA analysis have led to some surprising findings with regard to the relationships between orchids, and the author has undertaken an extensive effort to bring all orchid names up-to-date to reflect the latest scientific thinking and taxonomy. From *Acampe* to *Zygostates*, no other serious reference approaches the depth and authority of this remarkable book.

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## Customer Reviews

The word orchid conjures an exotic image of lush rarity when, in fact, orchids are one of the largest family of plants, with an estimated 17,000–35,000 species worldwide, depending on the counting botanists. Horticulturist la Croix selected the fraction of orchid species that may be cultivated in gardens and greenhouses to summarize for enthusiasts and interested readers. Chapters briefly discussing the basics of cultivation, pests and diseases, and conservation are followed by an A–Z of genera and species. Each of the 350 genera that are included is described, with worldwide distribution and general cultivation

requirements given. Entries for each species include a plant and blossom size and characteristics as well as a native location and habitat conditions. A substantial number of the species entries are accompanied by large, attractive photographs. The volume also contains a glossary, a bibliography, and common and scientific name indexes. The book's strength is the author's sensible advice, based on her work as a scientist and orchid grower. This volume is a good value and worthy of consideration for any botany and gardening collection. --Linda Scarth

"A remarkable book and an essential resource for public libraries. The depth and authority of the content, along with the spectacular photographs, make it a valuable reference for enthusiasts, collectors, and those starting out with orchids." •Library Journal "The most definitive and well-researched textbook about orchids in more than 40 years. . . . This 524-page hardcover reference will help you identify and appreciate all your favorites." •The Washington Post "At more than 500 pages, [this book] is a phenomenal reference for the orchid lover." •Columbus Dispatch "This comprehensive reference is the ultimate for cultivated orchids, a book for the serious orchid lover or grower. . . . There is no better book for the orchid grower than this well-illustrated reference." •Mansfield News Journal "A gorgeous picture-laden respite from winter, perfect to read by the fire." •Buffalo Spree "The new authority on orchids." •South Florida Sun-Sentinel "An authoritative and lavishly photographed beauty of a book that will delight orchid enthusiasts and astonish everyone else." •Hartford Courant "A must-have. . . . Not since the publication of Hawk's Encyclopedia of Cultivated Orchids in 1965 has such an authoritative, detailed and researched book been published. La Croix has created the definitive orchid encyclopedia and no serious reference approaches the depth and authority of this remarkable book. With 100 orchid species profiled, this is the book that all orchid enthusiasts are desiring. If you are not an orchid grower, this tome is a beautiful and impressive coffee table book." •Tulsa World

Content : This is a broad orchid species encyclopedia for all who has passion for orchids. Every orchids enthusiast should have one at home. This is a great reference material & well illuminated, except it is not exhaustive in culture (like temperature, media for potting, water frequency & etc.), it has only briefly indicated the species' habitat and altitude. For a novice like me, would need to do extra work on googling geographically to understand species habitat's culture. It would be best if

author could add more pictures of the species in their natural habitat. Shipping : Very fast delivery in good conditions. Condition of the book : I paid U\$55 (incl shipping cost to Singapore) for a new book, but the hardcover on page 2 was split with the book content upon received yesterday (on 09 Jun 2015). I have to glue them back altogether, quite disappointing with the published quality. (Return the item is not a wise option for me) Price-wise : Quite reasonable and worth for buying. Thanks and have a nice day!

I am a huge fan of orchids, have over 400 in my yard, so when I go to the big international orchid shows this book is great to help me when I see something I am interested in, especially to make sure if it will survive in my geographical area of the country. Many orchid novices do not realize that not all orchids take the same type of weather conditions.

This book was purchased as a gift for my daughter-in-law who is into growing orchids. The book is very beautifully illustrated and a handsome addition to any library whose owners are interested in the cultivar of orchids.

This is a wonderful picture book of orchid around the world with descriptions of each plant and growth requirements for each. It would be a good book for beginner orchid growers and advanced growers alike.

Gave this as a gift to my orchid-loving sister. She is over the moon about this. This is a really special book.

I am pleased to share my passion about the orchids and reading this great encyclopedia. There are lots of beautiful pictures and useful information. Dr. Isoybal la Croix is a prominent botanist especially in orchids, so I have learnt a lot from her book. I live in Taiwan, a beautiful subtropical island called Formosa, which means beauty and there are some of the most beautiful species have their scientific names such as *Cypripedium formosanum*, *Dendrobium formosum* (not native to Taiwan), *Phalaenopsis aphrodite* v. *formosana*, and *Pleione formosana*. I am lucky to grow my orchids at the balcony of my house naturally without any greenhouse equipment. However, I found a little error in the book, on pp.86 the description of *Cattleya*, the second paragraph writings:..... They (*Cattleyas*) have been widely used in hybridization, both intrageneric and intergeneric with related genera such as "*Brassia*", *Laelia*, *Rhyncholaelia*, and *Sophranitis*. I confirm that it should

be "Broassovola" rather than "Brassia" which cannot cross with Cattleya alliance. In addition, the photograph of Sophronitis tenebrosa on pp.440, I can tell it is Soph. grandis and these two species are very similar. I love this picture because it is the most beautiful Cattelyode orchid I've ever seen!!

An encyclopedia, no care information. Beautiful book.

I must admit that at first before I ordered this book, I had installed Orchid Wiz on my computer, and thought I would not purchase any more books on orchids, but on seeing this book for sale, I would have to say I weakened. And as it turns out, I am glad I did. What a truly magnificent publication. It's well above my expectations and a real treasure to have in my quite extensive library. The photographs would be the best I have seen in any of my 30 plus books, (I didn't realize I had so many.) and the text matches the prints. Overall a must for any hobby orchid grower, and I am very pleased I had a weak moment.

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