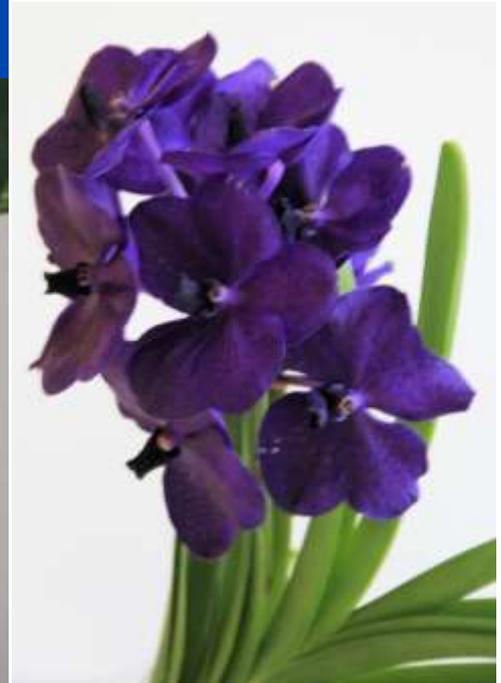


IOS MEMBERS ORCHIDS



Brendan and several other members suggested a new column for the **Pollinia** to feature images, descriptions and growing techniques of Member's plants. I have two plants which qualify at the moment.

The first one is a dark Vanda species (right.) It was bought at the London Orchid Show about three years ago from Akerne Orchids of Belgium. Unfortunately, I have mislaid the label and forgotten its price. I grow it in a large glass vase.

I grow it on a south-facing window and it is treated by soaking the roots in a tepid tap-water mixture with very little tomato fertiliser. This is done only once per fortnight, throughout the year. Soaking is carried out for (approx.) one hour. It has

been flowering since mid-August and I expect it to flower for another two weeks, at minimum.

The second plant pictured (above) is a Cambria species, bought about one year ago at IKEA and costing €6 approximately. It was back in flower in September and has another spike to follow the one above.

Feeding is as with the Vanda all year round but the plant is grown on a north-facing window. Lately, I was surprised to see some aphids on the unopened spike. They were dealt with by spraying with Bug Clear Ultra gun (Acetamidrid). I hope to get another few weeks out of this spike which flowered in mid-September

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Etymology

The type genus (i.e. the genus after which the family is named) is *Orchis*. The genus name comes from the Ancient Greek ὄρχις (*órkhis*), literally meaning "testicle", because of the shape of the twin tubers in some species of *Orchis*.

The term "orchid" was introduced in 1845 by John Lindley in **School Botany**, as a shortened form of *Orchidaceae*.