



In the highly regarded book entitled **Dendrobium of Borneo** by J.J. Wood (Natural History Publications, Borneo, 2014) the author notes that there are fruit-flies which visit the flowers of *D. anosmum*, and they go there to lick the chemicals on the floral segments, which are thought to assist the insects to reach sexual maturity. The chemical reward from the flowers is thought to convert into sex pheromones, to supposedly attract the fruit-fly of the opposite sex.

Plants of *D. anosmum*, and its colour varieties, will often produce small plants from along the pseudobulbs, which be exact replicas of the mother plant.

This is one of the most desirable of all Dendrobium species to be found in the Philippines, and if one has a place where a plant can be attached to a tree it is not too difficult to grow. *D. anosmum* is worthy of a place in any orchid collection. ■

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GERMAN NATIVE ORCHID OF THE YEAR

The **Orchid of the Year** is a yearly honour given since 1989 to an orchid species native to Germany by the **Arbeitskreis Heimische Orchideen** (Native Orchid Research Group, AHO), a German orchid conservation federation. The choice of orchids follows the endangerment of the species or its habitat due to human pressure.

1989	Western marsh orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza majalis</i>	2003	Fly orchid	<i>Ophrys insectifera</i>
1990	Pyramidal orchid	<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>	2004	Frog orchid	<i>Coeloglossum viride</i>
1991	Green-winged orchid	<i>Orchis morio</i>	2005	Burnt orchid	<i>Orchis ustulata</i>
1992	European common twayblade	<i>Neottia ovata</i>	2006	Broadleaf helleborine	<i>Epipactis helleborine</i>
1993	Military orchid	<i>Orchis militaris</i>	2007	<i>Nigritella nigra</i> subsp. <i>rhellicani</i>	
1994	Fen orchid	<i>Liparis loeselii</i>	2008	Southern marsh-orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza praetermissa</i>
1995	Bee orchid	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	2009	Early purple orchid	<i>Orchis mascula</i>
1996	Frauenschuh	<i>Cypripedium calceolus</i>	2010	Ladyslipper	<i>Cypripedium calceolus</i>
1997	Bug orchid	<i>Orchis coriophora</i>	2011	Lesser butterfly orchid	<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>
1998	Marsh helleborine	<i>Epipactis palustris</i>	2012	<i>Orchis pallens</i>	
1999	Lizard orchid	<i>Himantoglossum hircinum</i>	2013	Lady orchid	<i>Orchis purpurea</i>
2000	Red helleborine	<i>Cephalanthera rubra</i>	2014	Ghost orchid	<i>Epipogium aphyllum</i>
2001	Autumn ladies'-tresses	<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	2015	Early marsh orchid	<i>Dactylorhiza incarnata</i>
2002	Bird's-nest orchid	<i>Neottia nidus-avis</i>	2016	Summer lady's-tresses	<i>Spiranthes aestivalis</i>