

## Distribution

Orchidaceae are cosmopolitan, occurring in almost every habitat apart from glaciers. The world's richest diversity of orchid genera and species is found in the tropics, but they are also found above the Arctic Circle, in southern Patagonia, and two species of *Nematoceras* on Macquarie Island at 54° south.

The following list gives a rough overview of their distribution:

*Oceania*: 50 to 70 genera

*North America*: 20 to 26 genera

*Tropical America*: 212 to 250 genera

*Tropical Asia*: 260 to 300 genera

*Tropical Africa*: 230 to 270 genera

*Europe and temperate Asia*: 40 to 60 genera

## THE IRISH ORCHID SOCIETY CALENDAR

### **THREE THREADS** Thursday, March 29th to Wednesday, April 25th

*THREE THREADS – An exhibition exploring the orchid tapestry created by Sir Frederick William Moore*

IOS members are invited to a preview of the exhibition which runs from Thursday 29th March until Wednesday 25th April.

The exhibition will be held in the Visitor Centre, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.

With watercolours by Margareta Pertl and Deborah Lambkin and historic material from the National Botanic Gardens archive.

### **DUBLIN ORCHID FAIR 2018** Saturday & Sunday April 21st & 22nd • 10am – 5pm, Admission free

The annual orchid fair organised by the National Botanic Gardens is to be held this weekend in the conservatory at the gardens in Glasnevin. This is the premier annual orchid event in Ireland with a large selection of species and hybrids for sale.

On Saturday the Royal Horticultural Society's Orchid Committee will sit and judge plants in the Meeting Room at the rear of the Curvilinear Range. The Gallery in the Visitor Centre will hold an exhibition of paintings by Margareta Pertl and Deborah Lambkin along with some material from the archives in the National Botanic Gardens, Library. This is an exciting weekend for both orchid lovers and gardeners alike. There will be plenty to see and do so please come and enjoy.

### **MEMBERS' NIGHT** Monday, May 14th, 7.30pm

Please bring along your orchids for discussion, whether you have problems with them, need advice or simply just want to show them off. We can also discuss the recent Orchid Fair and plants purchased.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Monday, June 11th, 7.30pm

The traditional state of the Society address will be given with the Committee putting forward ideas to advance the society in the year ahead. It is also the forum for members to give their feedback and suggestions.

### **ANNUAL NORTH BULL ISLAND WALK** Thursday, June 21st, 6.30pm

Join Ireland's orchid expert Brendan Sayers and discover some of Ireland's wild orchids in the sand dunes of Bull Island in Dublin. Be prepared for good or bad weather! Meet at the Interpretive Centre. All welcome. Walk will be about 1.5 hours.

<http://irishorchidsociety.org/calendar.php>