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ORCHIDS OF COSTA RICA – RESILIENT BEAUTY

Orchids of Costa Rica – Resilient Beauty is the first changing orchid display in Gardens by the Bay's Cloud Forest held in collaboration with the Embassy of Costa Rica in Singapore and the country's prestigious Lankester Botanical Garden, that is themed around orchids from Costa Rica. For a limited period of two weeks, look out for over 30 interesting Costa Rican orchid species on display, such as the *Acianthera decipiens*, which has flowers that gradually change colour over time, and *Ornithocephalus inflexus*, whose flowers resemble birds in flight. Also on display are orchids donated by the Lankester Botanical Garden, which is known for its living collection of orchids, including the endangered *Specklinia pfavii* and *Scaphyglottis micrantha*, which bears tiny white flowers measuring just 4mm in size.

Date: Tuesday, 28 June to Monday, 11 July

Time: 9am to 9pm

Location: Cloud Forest

Details:

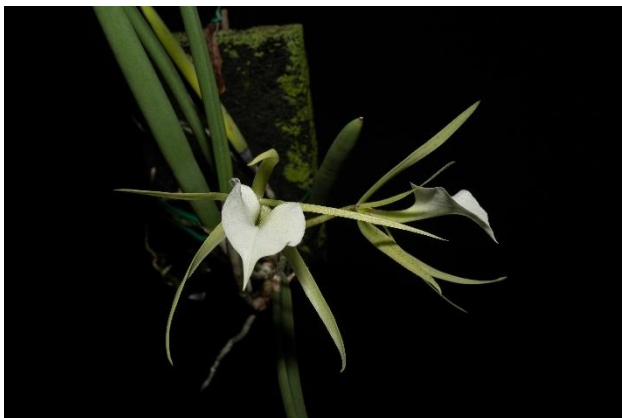
- Admission charge to Cloud Forest applies
- Visit www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/orchidsofcostarica for details

Highlights of Orchids Of Costa Rica – Resilient Beauty



Acianthera decipiens

Native to Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panamá and Venezuela, *Acianthera decipiens* has flowers that gradually change colour over time, from dark purple in the initial days of blooming, to red, and finally orangey-yellow.



Brassavola nodosa

In Costa Rica, *Brassavola nodosa* is found in humid and seasonally dry lowland forests, where it grows as an epiphyte on trees and rocks. Commonly known as 'Lady of the Night', its heart-shaped white flower emits a jasmine-like fragrance in the evening to entice its nocturnal moth pollinators to visit.



Ornithocephalus inflexus

The genus *Ornithocephalus* means 'Bird's Head' in Greek and the *Ornithocephalus inflexus* produces spikes of dainty, crystalline green to white flowers that resemble birds in flight. This miniature orchid is native to Costa Rica, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and Panama and found on twigs of old citrus trees and shrubs in montane rain forests at elevations between 15 and 1800 metres.



Prosthechea radiata

The *Prosthechea radiata* is found in oak, oak and pine, or evergreen tropical forests at elevations of 150 to 2000 metres. It is a very fragrant species which emits a spicy floral scent that is similar to hyacinth flowers. An interesting point to note about this plant is that the flowers are non-resupinate, which means the lip of the orchid is facing upward, and not downward like most species of orchids.



Scaphyglottis micrantha

Often called 'Small Flowered Scaphyglottis' because of its tiny white flowers that measure just 4mm in size, the *Scaphyglottis micrantha* can be found growing on trees in forests at elevations up to 1200 metres. It is rare in Guatemala and Honduras, but commonly found in Costa Rica.



Specklinia pfavii

Specklinia pfavii is an epiphyte endemic to Southern Costa Rica and Panama, where it is rare and very few natural populations are known to survive. This endangered orchid bears striking yellow flowers covered in nectar secreting warts, which feed the fruit-flies that pollinate them.