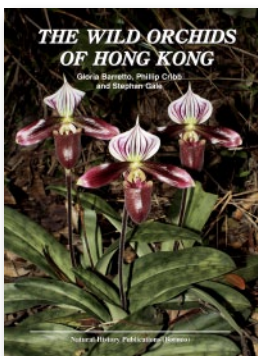


# The Wild Orchids of Hong Kong

## 香港野生蘭花



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**D**rawing on the botanical explorations of 19<sup>th</sup> Century European visitors and over 150 years of subsequent scientific study, *The Wild Orchids of Hong Kong* is the first authoritative account of all Hong Kong's 126 native species and varieties of orchid. The book combines detailed botanical analysis with vivid recollections of the people who have scoured the hills and ravines of Hong Kong in search of novelties over this period, bringing to life the history of discovery of these awe-inspiring plants in this biodiversity-rich corner of South China. Abundantly illustrated throughout, the plants and their habitats are depicted in a bouquet of full colour photographs, line drawings and superb watercolour paintings by Victorian military stalwart General John Eyre. From the majestic Hong Kong slipper orchid to the spell-binding ibis orchid, it will surely come as a revelation to many that the tiny territory harbours such a wealth of plant form and colour. But Hong Kong's landscape has changed dramatically throughout its history, and many orchid habitats remain at risk. To promote the protection of this invaluable heritage, the conservation status of each species is assessed. This book is essential reading for orchid enthusiasts, wildlife lovers, conservationists, land managers and policy-makers alike.

**由** 19世紀開始，歐洲學者對植物的探究經歷，加上150載不斷的科學研究過程，著作成《香港野生蘭花》一書，內容涵蓋香港126種本地品種及各種蘭花，為全港第一本最權威的蘭花參考書籍。本書紀錄了詳盡的植物分析資料，並生動地載述研究人員走訪香港各處山坡深谷尋芳的事跡。在南中國這個生物多樣性極為豐富的一偶之地，將一段段早期發現蘭花品種的歷史重現讀者眼前。全書附有插圖，並以精美的彩圖、相片、線畫、水彩畫展現各種植物及其生境，包括由維多利亞時期軍隊忠實將領約翰·愛所繪畫的插圖。書內詳述為人熟悉的紫紋兜蘭，以至鮮為人識的翠華捲瓣蘭，令讀者發現原來在香港這片土地上，竟然蘊藏著如此豐沛的植物品種和色彩。隨著時代變遷，香港的地貌也有翻天覆地的改變，很多蘭花生境也受到威脅。為了加強保育這些珍貴的自然資源，書內詳列了每種品種的保育現況。本書是蘭花愛好者、野生動植物愛好者、保育人士、土地管理人及政策者的必要讀本。



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