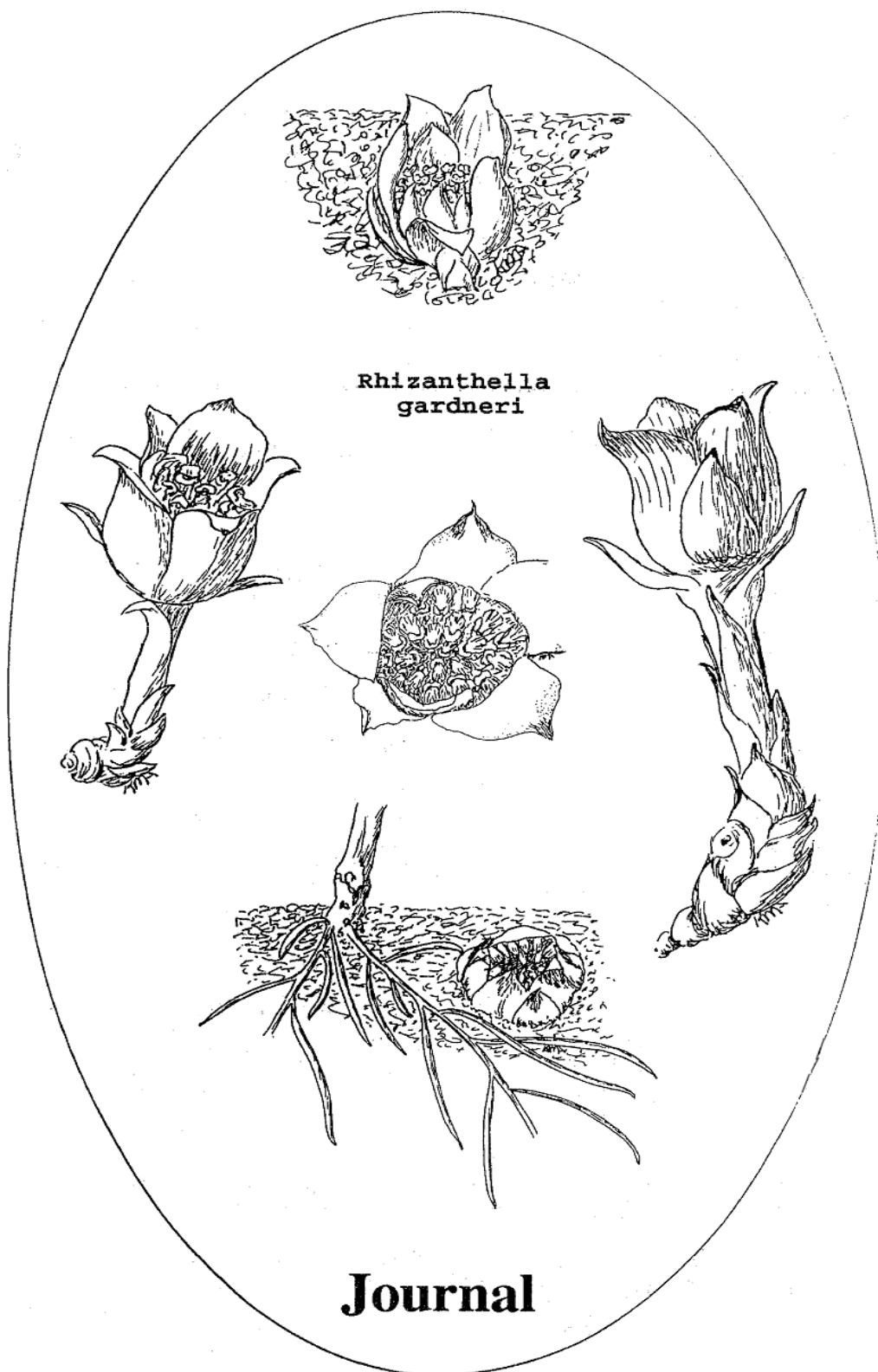


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AUGUST MEETING

Tuesday, 23 August, 1994, 8.00 pm: at St Matthews Hall, Bridge Street, Kensington. Doors to the hall will be open at 7.15 pm for those wishing to borrow from the library or purchase sell through the trading table. Bob Markwick will speak on the Kosciusko National Park and show slides of this the magnificent roof of Australia.

NOSSA OPEN DAY

To be held 2 pm on Sunday August 21st at Kevin Western's home, Goldsack Drive, Coromandel Valley.

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BUS TRIP *** September 24th ***

Bruce Mules' Orchid Nursery (Port Pirie).

Seats are still available. Ring Bill Dear or see him at the next meeting.

DIARY DATES

Aug 20 Excursion to Aldinga Conservation Park.

Aug 21 Open Day at Kevin Western's.

Sept 17-18 NOSSA Spring Show.

Sept 18 Hand Pollinating *Caladenia rigida*, *C. behrii*, *C. gladiolata* at Scott Creek.

Sept 24 Bus Trip to Bruce Mules'.

Oct 1 - 3 Labour Day Excursion to South East.

Oct 8-9 SGAP Show.

Oct 23 Echunga Open Day Picnic.

COMMITTEE MEETING

To be held at 7.30 pm Friday 26th August.

NEXT FIELD TRIP

Aldinga Conservation Park: Saturday August 20th (this Saturday). Meet at the Northern boundary gate at 2 pm for a stroll through woodland similar to that which once covered the Adelaide Plains.

ON THE BENCH

Terrestrials: *Acianthus pusillus*, *A. fornicatus* complex, *Caladenia* Fairy Floss (2) (*rigida* X *latifolia*), *Chiloglottis truncata*, *Corybas fimbriatus*, *C. dilatatus*, *Cyrtostylis robusta*, *Microtis* sp., *Pterostylis concinna*, *P. cynnocephala*, *P. curta* (2), *P. russellii* (QLD), *P. vittata* (WA), *P. Mary Eleanor*, *P. Velvetine*, *P. X ingens*.

Epiphytes: *Dendrobium* Aussie Merit, *D. Ellen*, *D. Tooloom*, *D. Aussie Victory*, *D. Bright Spark* X *kingianum*, *D. Zeppelin*, *D. Zip* X *Pauline Rankin*, *D. Zip* X *Star of Gold*, *D. kingianum* X *Aussie Ira*, *D. tetragonum* X *Star of Gold*, *D. kingianum*, *D. numkumbil* X *falcorostrum*, *D. Aussie Treat*, *D. Graham Hewitt*, *D. Zip* X *Peter*, *D. Ellen* X *Hilda Poxon*, *D. Ellen*.

Cultural discussion was held on whether or not it was necessary to water in the almost drought conditions of mid Winter! Terrestrial growers were advised on the concept of continually adding leaf litter (in small amounts) to pots throughout the growing season to simulate conditions in nature.

Bob Bates gave the commentary on the Terrestrials.
Les Burgess spoke on the Epiphytes.

COMMENTATORS CHOICE:

Terrestrial Species: *Pterostylis russellii* grown by Jan Burford.
Terrestrial Hybrid: *Pterostylis X ingens* grown by Jan Burford.

Epiphyte Hybrid: *Dendrobium* Graham Hewitt grown by Bev and Gerald Hawkins

POPULAR VOTE:

Terrestrials: *Acianthus fornicatus* from Black Hill.

Epiphytes: *Dendrobium* Graham Hewitt grown by Bev and Gerald Hawkins.

CONSERVATION NEWS

by Sandy Philips

The summit of Mount Brown near Port Augusta climbed by the botanist Robert Brown (and of course named after him) during Flinders' first circumnavigation of Australia in 1802 - 3 has been declared a Conservation Park (together with an area to the north of about 500 hectares). Robert Brown named many of our Australian orchids so it is fitting that both a mountain and a park containing orchids should be named after him. NOSSA members are invited to help with a survey of the park organised by the Nature Conservation Society for this Spring (drought permitting).

The old Pinkawillinie Conservation Park has been tripled in size to cover several hundred square kilometres of country extending from sandhill country near Wudinna in the south, right up into the granite country of the Lawler Ranges, including Mt Sturt an area rich in arid land orchids including several undescribed species. Over 20 species of orchids occur in the park, some of them like *Caladenia cardiochila* in millions, others such as the rare *Pterostylis xerophila* in rare scattered colonies. This years drought has hit the area badly, a dust storm raged through the park in mid July but at least there were few sheep there to compound the problem.

N.O.S.S.A. SPRING SHOW 1994 - COMPETITIVE SECTIONS

Plants may be staged on trestles in the hall, in floor displays or in table top displays. Table top displays will be allotted an area of about 1 square metre on a trestle. Table top displays suit small orchids or growers who have only a few plants. Foliage plants, logs, bark, etc, can be used.

All plants must be benched by 10.00 am on Saturday 17 September. The hall will be open from 4.00 pm on Friday 16 September to allow exhibitors to set up.

A label must be attached to each exhibit clearly showing the correct name of the plant and the exhibitor's number. Plants must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least six months before the Show to be eligible for judging. Plants which are not for judging must be marked with a red ribbon which will be available from the registrar on set up days. Hybrids include natural hybrids.

A seedling is the entire clone flowering for the first time from seed. Exhibitors must mark seedlings with a blue ribbon.

The judging will take place between 10.00 am and 1.2 noon on Saturday 17 September. AOC judging standards will be used. N.O.S.S.A. bylaws will also apply. Applications for N.O.S.S.A. awards should be lodged with the Registrar. No prize money will be awarded, but class winners will be acknowledged in the Journal. Champions will receive a card.

The Society will accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or infection suffered by any plant exhibited at the Show. All possible precautions against these happenings will be taken. Stewards may remove any plants suspected of disease or pest infection.

All orchids will remain on display to the public on Saturday 17 September and Sunday 18 September. Plants are to be removed at 5.00 pm on Sunday 18 September.

SCHEDULE

- * Champion Native Orchid of the Show
- * The Roy Hargreaves Award for the Champion Terrestrial Species
- * The Kay Nesbitt Trophy for the Champion Terrestrial Hybrid
- * The Wells Trophy for Champion Epiphyte Species
- * Champion Epiphytic Hybrid
- * The Ira Butler Award for the Best Hybrid

CLASS DESCRIPTION (1st and 2nd Prizes In Each Class)

- 1 Caladenia or Glossodia Species
- 2 Diuris Species
- 3 Pterostylis Species
- 4 Acianthus, Chiloglottis or Cyrtostylis Species
- 5 Terrestrial Species other than in Classes 1-4
- 6 Pterostylis Hybrid
- 7 Terrestrial Hybrid other than in Class 6
- 8 Specimen Terrestrial - Species or Hybrid
- 9 Seedling Terrestrial
- 10 Dendrobium Kingianum
- 11 Dendrobium Speciosum
- 12 Dendrobium Species other than 10 or 11
- 13 Epiphytic Species other than a Dendrobium
- 14 Epiphytic Hybrid - Cream or Yellow
- 15 Epiphytic Hybrid - Pink or Red
- 16 Epiphytic Hybrid - Any other Colour including White
- 17 Specimen Epiphyte - Species or Hybrid
- 18 Seedling Epiphyte
- 19 Best Table Top Display
- 20 Best Floor Display

EXCURSION TO MORIALTA, July 16th: Report

by Gary Guide

Sixteen people met at the information shelter at 2 pm on a beautiful winter afternoon. Due to the late break to the season and only light rains since we wondered if we would see much. As it turned out we learnt a lot from the many species we saw.

Acianthus pusillus: on a previous excursion to the area five years ago we saw hundreds of flower spikes of this little mosquito orchid, on this day we saw mostly leaves with aborted spikes. The few flowering plants we saw were at the base of rocks or trees where water had collected.

Pterostylis aff. *alata*: this species is obviously not as dependent on early rains as there were hundreds of this beautiful species all along the track in full flower. I believe flowering depends on the previous years conditions!

Cyrtostylis robusta and *Cyrtostylis reniformis*: we saw both along the track, the former just starting to flower (in a good year it flowers in May - June), the latter still in tight bud. It is always good to see these two species in the same area and satisfy ourselves that Jones and Clements were correct in treating them as two distinct species.

Another very common species was *Pterostylis* aff *nana* 'Bills'. We even found these in flower amid soursobs just above the car park. This species seems to flower well even in drought conditions.

Pterostylis sanguinea: there seems to be less of this species every year and I've never seen a flower set seed at Morialta. It seems the pollinators may be gone. We had on a previous trip also seen the similar *Pterostylis longifolia* but this species seems to be dying out all over the Adelaide area and there were none seen today.

One orchid seen for the first time in the Park was *Pterostylis nutans*. Lets hope this colony forming species establishes itself here. For an area only 15 minutes from the centre of Adelaide visited in the middle of winter we were doing well. The scenery was one of grandeur. The view of this immense gorge from the lookout is spectacular. The vastness of the gorge contrasted well with the tininess of the orchids especially the Helmets *Corybas dilatatus* and *C. incurvus*.

We were lucky enough to be some of the first people to visit the new viewing towers at the Morialta Falls opened just the day before our visit! I will never fail to be impressed by the view from the top of the falls!

We returned to the car park via the dry north facing Sheoak track to complete a glorious circuit of the whole gorge!

Our most exciting find was perhaps of numerous colonies of *Caladenia latifolia*, though none were in flower, Thelma O'Neill was able to tell us that most colonies were of the white flowered form (the NOSSA journal of June 1984 suggested that *C. latifolia* was probably extinct at Morialta - It now seems to be making a comeback). Altogether we had seen over 20 species, eight of them in flower.

PLANT LIST:

In Flower

Acianthus pusillus *P. nutans*
Corybas dilatatus *P. robusta*
Cyrtostylis robusta *P. alata* X *robusta*
Pterostylis aff *alata* *P. sanguinea*
P. aff. nana

In _Bud or Leaf

Caladenia latifolia, *C. leptochila*, *C. tentaculata*
Microtis sp., *Corybas incurvus*
Pterostylis pedunculata, *Leptoceras menziesii*
Thelymitra (several species)

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID HYBRID REGISTRATIONS

(New registrations from lists in The Orchid Review, January/February and March/April, 1994):-

Name	Parentage	Registered by
Dendrobiums		
Angellence	Aussie Angel X Ellen	N. Roper
Bolero	Ku-Rung-Gai X Fleckeri	R. & D. Sheen
Cheryl	Patricia Joy Wray X speciosum	J. Andrews
Double-A	Amber X adae	D. & M. Crawford
Double Grace	X <i>gracillimum</i> X Double Two	D. Carr
Elegant Falcon	Elegant Heart X <i>falcorostrum</i>	W.T. Upton
Eungella	<i>speciosum</i> X Karen Nair	A. Blewitt
Jeenga	Ellen X Omega	N. Roper
Megan's Charm	<i>johannis</i> X <i>bigibbum</i>	Hoosier (O/U)
Memoria Bill Jefferies	Colonial Surprise X Hilda Poxon	Florefest (I. Klein)
Native Falcon	Native Gold X <i>falcorostrum</i>	So. Cross (Australia)
Native King	Native Gold X <i>speciosum</i>	So. Cross (Australia)
Pauline Maria	<i>canaliculatum</i> X <i>bairdianum</i>	R. Currell
Rex's Delight	David Baver X <i>speciosum</i>	G. Rex
Rowena	Star of Riverdene X Hastings	R. & D. Sheen
StarWhite	Duke X <i>speciosum</i>	W.T. Upton
Toto Aiba	X <i>superbiens</i> X <i>nindii</i>	W. Bandisch
White Mist	Jambock X Harold Hirsh	W.T. Upton
Yondi Sunshsine	Eureka X Lynette Banks	S. Batchelor
Parachilus		
Selmann	Prcls.Selwyn X Sarco. <i>hartmannii</i>	W.T. Upton
Sarcochilus		
Anglesea	<i>fitzgerald</i> X Cherry Derham	Florafest (L. Fagg)
Bernice Klein	Headlight X <i>fitzgerald</i>	Florafest (I. Klein)
Bob Bon	<i>hartmannii</i> X Verolice	Florafest (C. Wuth)
Cherry Derham	Mavis X Lois	Florafest (M. Derham)
Cream Puff	Memba X <i>weinthalii</i>	Florafest
Dorrigo	<i>falcatus</i> X Melba	Florafest (L. Fagg)
Ivory	Wandjina X Melba	Florafest (L. Fagg)
Judy's Wine	Judith X <i>weinthalii</i>	Florafest
Lorraine Fagg	Verolice X <i>fitzgeraldii</i>	Florafest
Memoria Leney Smith	Fitzhart X Mavis	Simpson Orchids
Millie	Mavis X <i>hillii</i>	W.T. Upton
Otways Star	Arcadia X <i>australis</i>	Florafest (L. Fagg)
Otways Sunset	Fitzhart X <i>australis</i>	Florafest (L. Fagg)
Tiffany	<i>falcatus</i> X Elizabeth	Simpson Orchids

BOTANISTS OF THE ORCHIDS 25

by Sandy Philips

J.D. Hooker (Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker 1817 - 1911) Hooker the younger was one of the most famous botanists of all time, student, surgeon, botanist, adventurer, geographer and romantic. He was for almost 70 years a fellow of the Linnean Society, a record in itself. In 1839 he went as surgeon and botanist on Sir James Clark Ross' Antarctic expedition visiting New Zealand, via Sydney and spending six months in Tasmania. The resulting Flora Tasmaniae contained descriptions of many new species including orchids. He edited volumes 91 to 130 of Curtis Botanical Magazine.

Several Australian botanists of the period corresponded with Hooker including Ferdinand von Mueller and many Australian collectors sent plants to Hooker for naming. In his life time Hooker described and named over 1000 new species of plants, he was in close contact with the orchidologists Lindley and Schlechter. Hooker was also one of the first botanists to really tackle the problems of ecology and plant distribution.

Orchids named by Hooker include the alpine *Caladenia lyallii*, *Chiloglottis cornuta*, *Corybas macranthus* (which grows in Australia's subantarctic) and *Thelymitra antennifera* (which is common in SA).

NOSSA RESCUE AT THE RANGE

by Roy Hargreaves

In the Spring of 1992 Don and Bubs Wells and I Were invited by Brian and Wendy Popp to survey an area of their 70 acre property at the Range, 45 kms. south of Adelaide, almost completely covered with eucalypts and other native vegetation, regarding the removal of native orchids prior to building a residence. Both Brian and Wendy are very active members of the Society for Growing Australian Plants SA Region Inc. (SGAP.).

At the SGAP. meeting on June 23rd, 1994, they advised us that the project was soon to proceed and was NOSSA interested. The reply 'YES' was almost quicker than immediate. At our meeting on June 28th, 1994 the date fixed was July 24th to meet at McLaren Vale at 9.30 am. Fifteen cars were ready to go in convoy. Brian explained that there was only space for 4 cars to be parked at the site, the others could be parked near the gate which leads to a 1 km winding and hilly metal road. Some members were able to hitch a ride whilst others walked.

On arrival we found a roped off area 27 m X 14 m and very soon 25 or so members were busy on hands and knees with spades, foam boxes and pots, carefully removing plants, trying to make sure the tubers were still attached as there had not been any rain for several weeks and the ground was mostly hard and dry. Today science demands that we know where orchids come from and we must now label our rescued Range orchids accordingly. These are to be grown on, some for the members, the tuber bank and others to be planted out.

Two of our younger members made a very good impression by their knowledge and I was delighted to hear their conversation.

Members might like to know the procedure necessary for a permit to remove native orchids. A phone call was made to Darrell Kraehenbuehl, a scientific officer with the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resource Conservation, who in 1994 was advised of the project to confirm a previous permit granted in 1992. It may be boasting a bit, but from the very first rescue NOSSA has always been careful to keep within the law and believe this has made a very happy relationship with the department, which has had a few name changes in that time. Permission had to be given by the owners in writing to make sure we were O.K.



This was a very happy and profitable rescue dig. We were able to collect the plants before the concrete truck arrived. NOSSA is indebted to our hosts Brian and Wendy and we express to them our sincere thanks. Also to Brian for transporting those members, who were leaving early, to their cars.

Wishing them good health and happiness in the years ahead and perhaps we could arrange a visit in the Spring.

ORCHIDS RESCUED: *Acianthus caudatus*, *Acianthus pusillus*, *Corybas dilatatus*, *Glossodia major*, *Leptoceras menziesii*, *Pterostylis nutans*, *Pterostylis pedunculata* and *Thelymitra* spp. (3).

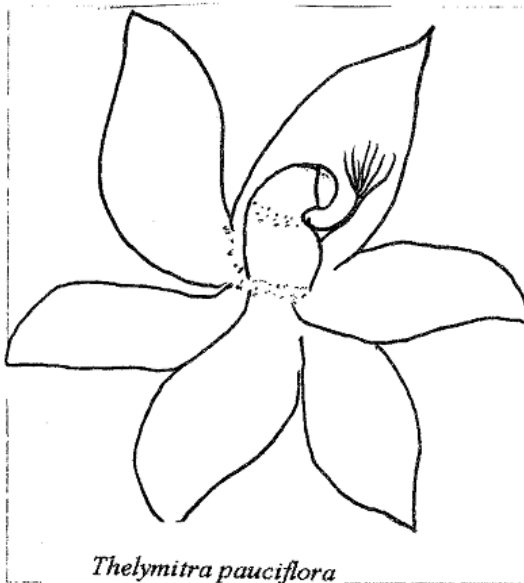
THE *THELYMITRA NUDA* - *T. PAUCIFLORA* COMPLEX IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA by R. Bates

This group of blue (lilac, white) flowered Sun-orchids can be recognised by the simple column structure with its rounded hood and white brush-like hair tufts in front. But if the flowers are simple the taxonomy of the group is not!

There are several obvious species which have been split off ie *Thelymitra mucida* with its distinctive waxy bloom on the column hood and red and yellow flecks in the column hair tufts; *T. malvina* with its bright pink hair tufts and long narrow column hood (this species is known only from one site in our South-east) and *T. holmesii* the last of the complex to flower in S.A., but amid the plants currently determined as *Thelymitra nuda* and *T. pauciflora* are a whole series of constant entities which are both geographically discrete and habitat specific!

Once pressed it is difficult to tell these entities apart but that doesn't mean that one couldn't recognise them from dried material, it could just be a matter of experience! Certainly one can recognise them from live plants when in flower. (Another difficulty with the group is the tendency for flowers not to open - how can one recognise flowers when they remain tightly closed except on the rare occasion conditions are conducive to them opening?).

The name *Thelymitra nuda* is commonly applied to those taxa with usually large, scented, freely opening, insect pollinated flowers. There is certainly more than one species in S.A. at present labelled as *T. nuda*, perhaps none of them are *T. nuda* in the strict sense.



Thelymitra pauciflora

Throughout the mallee the commonest *Thelymitra* is an early flowered '*T. nuda*' with erect dull green leaves having a red or purple base, the flowers having a spicy aroma. In the ranges however grows a late flowered '*T. nuda*', with long strap like leaves covered with a glaucous bloom and no red base, the flowers lilac scented. Obvious evidence that the two are different species comes from Mambray Creek C.P. in the Flinders where the two grow together without intermediates one beginning to flower after the other has finished. There are other '*T. nuda*' also ie the tiny late flowered plants from coastal limestone may represent a subspecies of the mallee *T. nuda*, and the dwarf species from Red-stringy bark forest in Spring Gully C.P. with its much incurved cleft column- top like in *T. holmesii*. Curiously it is only the insect pollinated '*T. nuda*' species which extend out into the dry country - perhaps because there is more sunshine and warmer weather

but more likely it is because they prefer the fertile soils of the wheat belt.

The self pollinated '*T. pauciflora*' species are abundant in colder damper areas extending into the really poor soils where '*T. nuda*' never grows. There are even more 'forms' of '*T. pauciflora*'

The most familiar of these is the small, linear-leaf taxon which lives up to the name '*pauciflora*' by having only 1 to 4 flowers. This taxa comes in both blue and white flowered forms. In the Adelaide Hills the white

form almost predominates. The top of the column in this form is yellow (with a darker band on the blue flowered form).

Just as well known is the 'cayenne pepper' top taxon which has broad strap-like leaves, a pinkish tinge to the flowers and a bright orange-red column top. This taxa prefers the poorer boggy soils. It was during a four week trip through Tasmania, Victoria and NSW in 1986 when I noted identical plants to the S.A. ones growing in the same habitat in those states that I realised they were a constant species and decided to look at the group in more detail! On the same trip interstate I noticed a tall forest form which often had 10 to 15 pale blue flowers, about twice the size of other *T. pauciflora* and with green stripes on the outside of the sepals. These grew only on very fertile well drained soils. I recorded this information and sure enough in 1987 in S.A. I found that the same species occurred in the same habitat in the Mt Lofty Ranges!

In 1982 I had photographed a tiny filiform leaf *T. pauciflora* with a column bright blue throughout. My notes showed it grew in damp sand over clay under *Leptospermum*. In 1987 I investigated all such similar habitat in the southern Adelaide Hills and found this taxon at three sites. This habitat has unfortunately been 99.9% converted to dairy farms so the 'bluetop' *pauciflora* is now endangered..

As early as 1974 I had been intrigued by *T. pauciflora* in the Southern Flinders which lacked hair tufts on the column arm. Investigation in 1988 showed it to be a distinct taxon, early flowered on fertile loams, features including leathery leaves, pale thin textured sepals and pallid column, with hair tufts sparse or absent. I suspect it had once been common in the Mid-north, but fertile soils there are now 99.9% ploughed up!

There is little doubt that some of these taxa do hybridise to form hybrid swarms but this occurs on disturbed ground. In undisturbed bush the above species remain constant!

It seems that these various entities represent separate species in the biological sense. To the taxonomist used to dealing with dried material sorting them out would be a nightmare and most would be tempted to lump them all under the earliest name *Thelymitra longifolia*. However I do not believe this should be done.

There is a lot more field work to be done to sort out all the various taxa. On expeditions interstate I noted other taxa which I have not seen in S.A. Some of these ie *Thelymitra graminea* from W.A. have already been named but certainly most of the S.A. ones have not. I shall be conducting further research this coming Spring and would be pleased to hear from others who would like to look in more depth at the S.A. members of the *T. nuda* - *pauciflora* complex.

SPRING SHOW

Anybody wishing to sell plants at the Spring Show

....please collect their tickets from the trading table at the next meeting.

FIELD EXCURSION TO THE SOUTH EAST

Gerry Carne

Several of our Members from the South East have been busy organising the field trip promised by myself earlier in the year. The area we originally wanted to cover is extensive and it is impossible to see the best that this large area has to offer on one excursion. It has thus been decided that this year we will cover the area between Bordertown and Naracoorte and consider a trip to Mt Gambier for 1995 or 1996.

Les and Winsome McHugh have been doing most of the organisation and have talked to several of our Members in the South East who are prepared to act as Guides. In order to avoid clashes with the many other important NOSSA events which are to take place in September (such as the Spring Show and the Bus Trip to Bruce Mules' Nursery), we have decided to have the field trip on the October long weekend (Saturday October 1 to Monday October 3). We will probably begin our excursion at Bordertown and work our way towards Naracoorte where we will spend Saturday night. On Sunday, we will visit some exciting areas in the general Naracoorte area and on Monday, we will gradually work our way towards Adelaide, visiting selected sites on the way. Those that must return to Adelaide by Monday night may do so: Some Members may wish to spend an extra couple of days and take in some of the many other (non-orchid related) attractions of the Naracoorte area.

Les and Winsome have provided me with information re accommodation in Naracoorte. Anyone who is interested should contact me at (08) 332 7730. More details will be provided in the September Journal, but if you are interested, don't wait until then as it may be too late to organise accommodation. Deposits for accommodation will be required at the August meeting. This should be an exciting trip orchid wise and will be socially, a lot of fun.

THIRD AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHID CONFERENCE AND SHOW

Gerry Carne

There is little to report at this time other than excitement about the Conference and Show is still increasing. We have lots of ideas we wish to bring to reality and I can just about guarantee that the 1996 Show will be the most spectacular display of native orchids ever assembled in Australia - a tall order but wait and see what we have in mind! Floral and Poster displays are expected from all Australian States and from New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

Charlie Edwards has sent out letters inviting a large number of people in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and the UK to speak at the Conference. The candidates have been selected on the basis of both their expertise and their public speaking ability. A full range of topics will be covered.

Conservation will be an important aspect of the 1996 Conference and Show and special displays on conservation and an information booth will be prominent. It is hoped that Conservation Officers from as many ANOS Societies as possible will be in attendance and key Government officials will be asked to participate in a Conservation forum.

Many Members of ANOS are more interested in photographing native orchids than growing them. To accommodate this group, a photographic competition with cash prizes will be held in 1996. Our Conference Venue includes a room specifically designed for the display of arts and crafts and this will be the perfect place to exhibit the highest quality entries. Crafts such as wood carvings, needle point, ceramics and paintings, specific to Native Orchids, will also be exhibited.

We still need lots of help from NOSSA Members. Sub-committees have been formed and you may wish to become involved in one of these. There are many ways you may assist working on your own from home and at your own leisure; typing, construction of display material, computer graphics and free hand art work are some which readily come to mind. Do any of our Members have expertise in metal work or working with plastics? Are any of our Members involved in the printing industry? How about bus transport? Are any of our Members able to sponsor any particular aspect of the Conference and Show or know of any group which should be contacted? Has anyone any ideas which may be of value?

Please become involved in the staging of the Third Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show. It's not a lot of work and you will be able to take considerable pride and satisfaction in being involved in the putting together of what I assure you will be a spectacular and much talked about event. Contact Gerry Carne 332 7730.