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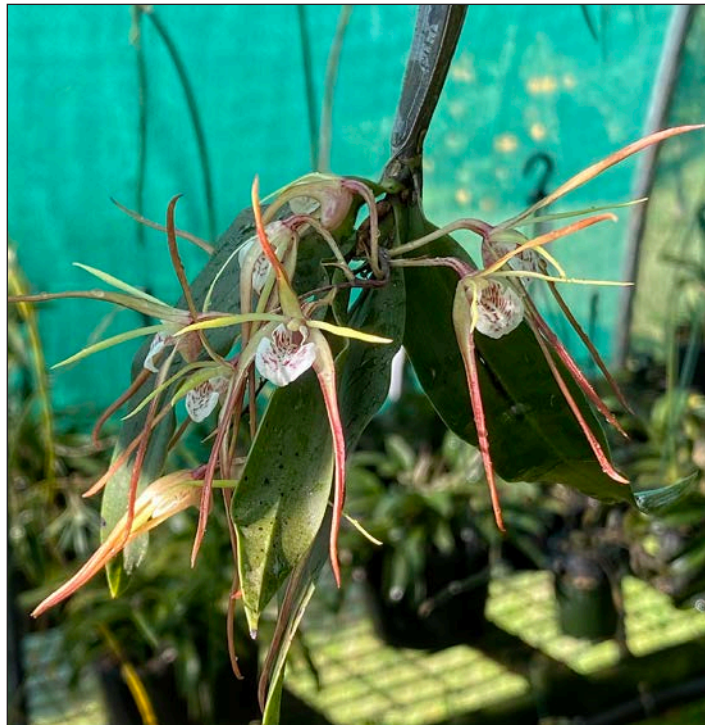
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September 2021



Sarcochilus falcatus Guy Cantor



Dendrobium melaleucaphilum L & B Dobson



Doc. Grey Ghost 'Tumbi' L & B Dobson

**No Meeting this month
due to COVID-19 lockdown.**



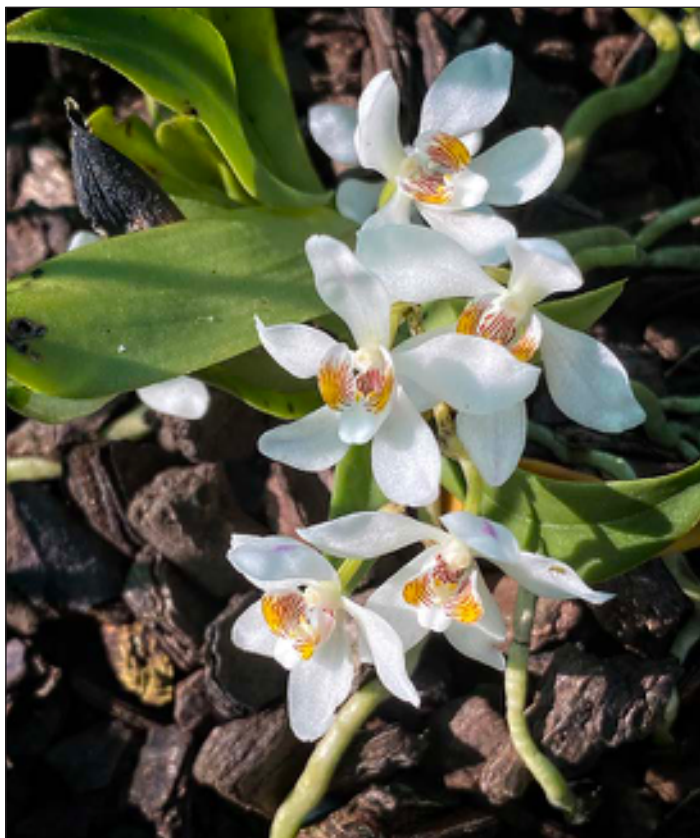
Dockrillia dolichophylla x teretifolia L & B Dobson



Sarcochilus falcatus L & B Dobson

Dendrobium melaleucaphilum L & B Dobson





Sarcochilus falcatus L & B Dobson

How to Take Good Photos with Your Phone

Use gridlines to balance your shot.

One of the easiest and best ways to improve your mobile photos is to turn on the camera's gridlines. That superimposes a series of lines on the screen of your smartphone's camera that are based on the "rule of thirds" -- a photographic composition principle that says an image should be broken down into thirds, both horizontally and vertically, so you have nine parts in total.

According to this theory, if you place points of interest in these intersections or along the lines, your photo will be more balanced, level, and allow viewers to interact with it more naturally.

To switch the grid on.

iPhone: Go to "Settings," choose "Photos & Camera," and switch "Grid" on.

Samsung Galaxy: Launch the camera app, go to "Settings" scroll down and switch the "grid lines" option to "on."

Set your camera's focus.

Today's phone cameras automatically focus on the foreground of your frame, but not every picture you take on your phone has an obvious subject. To adjust where you want your camera lens to focus, open your camera app and tap the screen where you want to sharpen the view.

Avoid zooming in.

When you take a photo from a distance, it's tempting to zoom in on something specific you're trying to capture. But it's actually better not to zoom in -- doing so can make the photo appear grainy, blurry, or pixelated. Move closer, zoom with your feet.

Don't over expose.

Better to under expose than blow the highlights. You can expose the shadows but if you overexpose you cannot get it back.

Reduce or eliminate camera movement

Lean against something

Use both hands to hold the phone

Use a Bluetooth Remote, these can be had for about \$5

Use a tripod with phone attachment.

Finally check the shot after you have taken it before moving on. Zoom in as far as possible if unhappy shoot again.

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Dendrobium gracilicaule L & B Dobson



Dockrillia fairfaxii L & B Dobson



Dockrillia calamiformis L & B Dobson



Dockrillia calamiformis L & B Dobson



Den. speciosum Natstar x Moonmere Matthew Roberts



Den. Victorian Flare x Avril's Gold Matthew Roberts



Den. Victorian Flare x Avril's Gold Matthew Roberts

Canna Aqua Clay Pebbles.

I have started using these in my mix especially for plants where I previously use Werner Diesel's Miscellaneous Mix. I had previously used these for a plant of *Sobralia* that I have been growing for over 20 years and produced excellent roots. I also use them in the base of water well pots that I have started using for some specific plants.

Canna Clay Pebbles are baked clay granules which form an ideal substrate for a variety of growing methods. Canna Aqua Clay Pebbles are also known as Hydroton, LECA (Light Expanded Clay Aggregate), or Clay Pellets. They are extremely easy to use, and comfortable to garden with, leaving no residue and no dirty hands. These clay pebbles come in a range of size between 8 to 16mm.

Moisture Retention

This is important as we are trying collectively to maximize the efficiency of our water supply.

Porous and lightweight

This increases aeration to the plants' root system. In addition to this quality, clay pebbles also improve drainage which is important to maintaining the health of the root systems and preventing rot. Did you know Canna Clay Pebbles can also be used to improve soil drainage? Apply a layer of 4 centimetres of Canna Clay Pebbles at the bottom of the pot.

Sterile with a neutral pH level

Clay pebbles are an easy medium to reuse meaning they are ecologically friendly given their long life cycle.

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Den. speciosum Windermere x Katherine Matthew Roberts



Den. speciosum Natstar x Moonmere Matthew Roberts



Den. speciosum Windermere x Katherine Matthew Roberts



Sarcochilus falcatus L & B Dobson

First Flowering Seedling

Back in July I printed the details below of a first flowering seedling that took 21 yrs to bloom. Was it worth the wait. I think so and will be potting it on as soon as it finishes flowering. Very pleased.

So for all of you out there wondering if your *Dendrobium speciosum* will ever flower here is one I got from the late Brian Gerhard after he took over Down Under Native Orchids in 2000. So I think this is one of Neil Finch's breeding.

My label shows potted on 17-09-2000, after purchasing it, then repotted 30-10-2005, and finally in 30-09-2015

I usually pot on every year as they grow so fast but don't know why this has taken so long, maybe this was the 'runt' of the litter as it still only in a 200mm Port Pot.

The quickest I have flowered was 7 years from flask to flowering.

I'll be interested to see the flowers, as this takes the cake for me I'd say 23 years from pod to flower.



Den. speciosum Mt Larcom Gold x Daylight Moon L & B Dobson



Den. speciosum Mt Larcom Gold x Daylight Moon L & B Dobson



Den. speciosum Neil's Choice Graeme Russell



Den. speciosum in the garden Graeme Russell



Den. speciosum 'Basher's Big Gold' Graeme Russell



Den. speciosum 'Basher's Big Gold' Graeme Russell



Dockrillia dolichophylla 'Medusa' x *teretifolia* 'Yellow' Graeme Russell



Dockrillia linguiformis Nel Davis



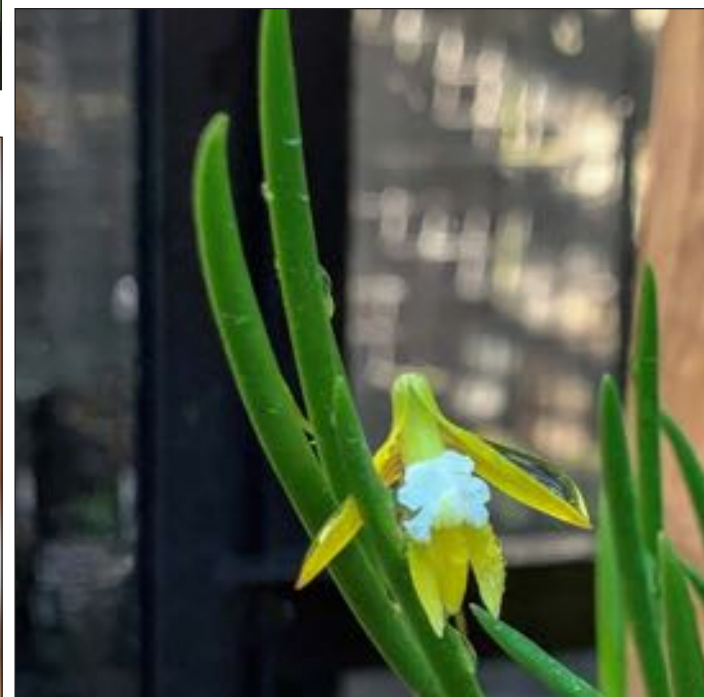
Den. speciosum 'Herbmere Ice Cream' Graeme Russell



Dockrillia schoenina Nel Davis



Dockrillia striolata var. *banksii* Guy Cantor



Dockrillia striolata Nel Davis



Dockrillia Delicatum Nel Davis



Dockrillia fairfaxii Nel Davis



Dockrillia rigida Nel Davis



Dockrillia rigida Nel Davis

This year I have found that for me the Dockrillia flowering has been nothing short of superb. Apart from *D. brevicauda*, *D. mortii*, *D. rigida*, and *D. tenuissimum*, which have been too small to flower yet.

I have flowered the following this year; *D. bowmanii*, *D. calamiformis*, *D. cucumerina*, *D. dolichophylla*, *D. fairfaxii*, *D. linguiformis*, *D. nugentii*, *D. pugioniformis*, *D. racemosa*, *D. schoenina*, *D. striolata*, *D. teretifolia*, and *D. wassellii*. All of these plants can be very rewarding to grow either on mounts or in net pots depending on your conditions and how often you want or need to water and fertilise them.

The advantages of these are copious amounts of flowers and all with a delightful scent. Personally I think that all should have at least a couple of these species. Bill Dobson



Bulbophyllum blumei Erik Lielkajis

Bulbophyllum blumei is native to peninsular Asia and Australia. The rhizomatous growth habit produces small pseudobulbs, each with a single leaf. When mature the pseudobulbs produce a single deep maroon flower, lined in white! They almost look like a masdevallia orchid.



Dendrobium johannis Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium Delicatum - Carnarvon Gorge Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium trilamiellatum Erik Lielkajis



Dendrobium carrii Erik Lielkajis



Bulbophyllum bracteatum David Hemmings



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Dendrobium Andrew Persson complete with caramelito bee
David Hemmings



Bulbophyllum elisae David Hemmings



Bulbophyllum elisae David Hemmings



Dendrobium Australian Butterbright FFS David Hemmings



Bulbophyllum wadsworthii L & B Dobson



Dendrobium falcorostrum L & B Dobson



Dockrillia schoenina L & B Dobson



Dendrobium speciosum var. *Pedunculatum* 'Atherton' L & B Dobson



Dendrobium speciosum var. *Pedunculatum* 'Atherton' L & B Dobson



Den. Australian Rhubarb Pie x Bardo Rose David Hemmings



Den. Australian Rhubarb Pie x Bardo Rose David Hemmings



Den. Australian Rhubarb Pie x Tyabb David Hemmings



Den. Brimbank Cobber Gold David Hemmings



Den. Australian Sheenamere David Hemmings



Den. Australian Sheenamere 'Dennistone Tangelo' David Hemmings



Den. Dingadee FFS David Hemmings



Den. Brimbank Gold 'Henry' David Hemmings



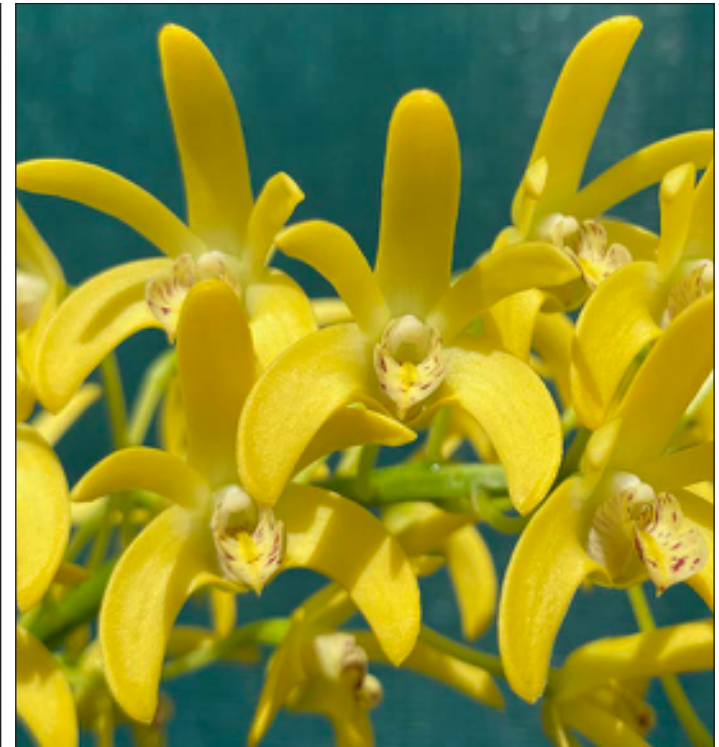
Den. Brimbank Sandstorm David Hemmings



Den. Faye Roshan 'Dennistone' David Hemmings



Den. Dingadee 'Mat' x Greta Orange David Hemmings



Den. Gracillimum (using GF Katrina) David Hemmings



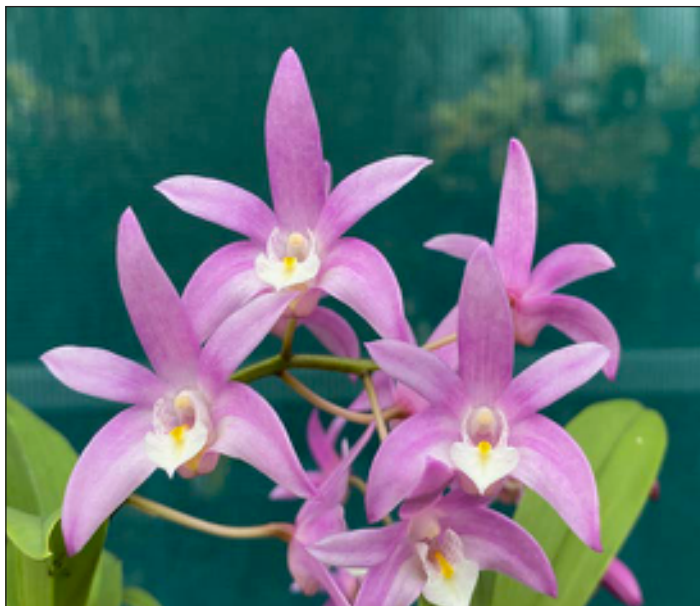
Den. Brimbank Uluru David Hemmings



Den. Dunokayla x falcorostrum David Hemmings



Den. Dingadee 'Mat' x Greta Orange David Hemmings



Den. Lawrose x falcorostrum David Hemmings



Den. kingianum 'Gotcha' x 'Joyous' David Hemmings



Den. kingianum 'Sunrise' David Hemmings



Den. Sundaani Special David Hemmings



Den. Tangleoats 'Stupid Orange' David Hemmings



Doc. cucumerina x fuliginosa David Hemmings



Dockrillia fairfaxii 'Wayfairer' David Hemmings



Dockrillia teretifolia 'Tassie Shane' David Hemmings



Dockrillia fairfaxii 'Wayfairer' David Hemmings



Dockrillia mortii 'Flowery Green' David Hemmings



Dockrillia schoenina 'Huffbags' David Hemmings



Dendrobium speciosum var grandiflorum Cameron Lancely



Displays David Hemmings



Dendrobium kingianum 'Pink' Cameron Lancely



Dendrobium Delicatum Cameron Lancely



Dendrobium affine Cameron Lancely



Dendrobium gracilicaule Cameron Lancely



Dendrobium hybrid unknown Cameron Lancely



Dendrobium Delicatum Cameron Lancely



Den. Gracillimum 'Herbneil' *gracilicaule* 'Redback' Cameron Lancely



Dendrobium speciosum Cameron Lancely



Dockrillia linguiformis Cameron Lancely



Dockrillia fairfaxii Cameron Lancely



Dendrobium Wayne Turville Cameron Lancely



Dockrillia fairfaxii Cameron Lancely



Dockrillia pugioniformis Cameron Lancely

In My Bushhouse

Well September is here and for most native growers this is the time when all the hard work (ha ha) has paid off. The rain that pelted down for a few short days was incredible as was the 30 degrees short summer. My *Den speciosum* flowering has finished and I have already cut off the spikes on the plants in the bushhouse. I will soon start on the plants outside. My 'rain gauge' my wheel barrow is about half full and then the temperature plunged back down to 10 deg.

Flowering now is *Plectorrhiza tridentata* which is starting to release its fragrance which I might say is incredible considering the size of the flower. Also *Dockrillia calamiformis*, *Dockrillia pugioniformis* and *striolata* are out now.

Look out for aphids and other bugs as the weather warms up the will be about. The next huge job even before the *Sarcochilus* are opening will be repotting and some need to be done now. I will wait until after our show and cut off all 'spikes' and pot on or divide, to get the maximum growing time.

With problems with my back earlier in the year I couldn't get to all the plants I planned on and as a result those damned codling moths did some damage. I have so far resisted the urge to use Supracide® and opted for Yates Success™ one of the new insecticides that with the swagman sprayer seems to coat everything easily.

Bulbophyllum gadgarrense and *wadsworthii* are out now, these delicate small flowers are a delight to see and I often await their flowering each spring.

The next flowering in the bushhouse will be the *Sarcochilus* species and hybrids. These little jewels of the bush are a delight and don't require a great deal of care other than water and fertilizing over the summer months.

I have moved some of my *Dendrobium jonesii* var *magnificum* onto the deck to give some cover and also my *Cymbidium canaliculatum* that is in spoke and last year I learned the hard way that they don't like water when flowering or as the spikes emerge. If it rains during this period they have a 50% chance of just shriveling up and dying.

Good Growing Bill Dobson

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Bulbophyllum wadsworthii Trish Peterson



Bulbophyllum wadsworthii Trish Peterson



Doc. Bronze Belle x tetragonum Trish Peterson



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Doc. Doug's Spots x Grumpy Trish Peterson



Doc. Duffy Trish Peterson



Doc. Grey Ghost 'Tumbi' x fairfaxii Trish Peterson



Doc. Papuan Delight 'Ginger Falls' Trish Peterson



Dockrillia pugioniformis Trish Peterson



Dockrillia striolata 'Tassie Buttercup' Trish Peterson



Doc. Oliver Jack Gerard Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus spathulatus Trish Peterson



Plectorrhiza tridentata Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus falcatus Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus falcatus Trish Peterson



Sarcochilus falcatus Trish Peterson



Den. Gracillimum Mary Drummond



Dendrobium speciosum var. *curvicaule* Mary Drummond



Den. Buzz 'Brilliant' x speciosum 'Daylight Moon' Mary Drummond



Dendrobium kingianum 'Gloucester' Mary Drummond

Bushwalking in Spring 2021

The Covid-19 virus has had a huge impact on all our lives. The lockdowns, mask-wearing and other restrictions have all caused disruption and disarray to our usual lifestyles. One of the few activities which is available to us all is the ability to go out and exercise! On these beautiful spring days it has been a pleasure to go walking in our local neighbourhood and the spring flowers in Sydney this year have been amazing.

We are fortunate to have a number of parks, walking tracks and reserves in our 5km permitted locality. We have checked out the local native orchids but with the unseasonably warm weather, most of the terrestrials seem to have already retreated underground. We have however found the one and only local *Dockrillia linguiformis* in bud and coming into flower, and the climbing orchid *Erythrorchis cassythoides* in full flower. Both of these are flowering at least a month earlier than in previous years.

The 'climbing orchid' also known as the 'bootlace orchid', is a leafless saprophytic orchid – as it has no leaves it obtains its nutrients from the interaction of mycorrhizal fungi in dead and rotting vegetation. As there are a number of dead trees and bushes in the area, it is the perfect habitat for this orchid which we have discovered only the last few years.

We were a bit late visiting the *Dendrobium speciosum* in a nearby front yard ...but it is still very impressive.

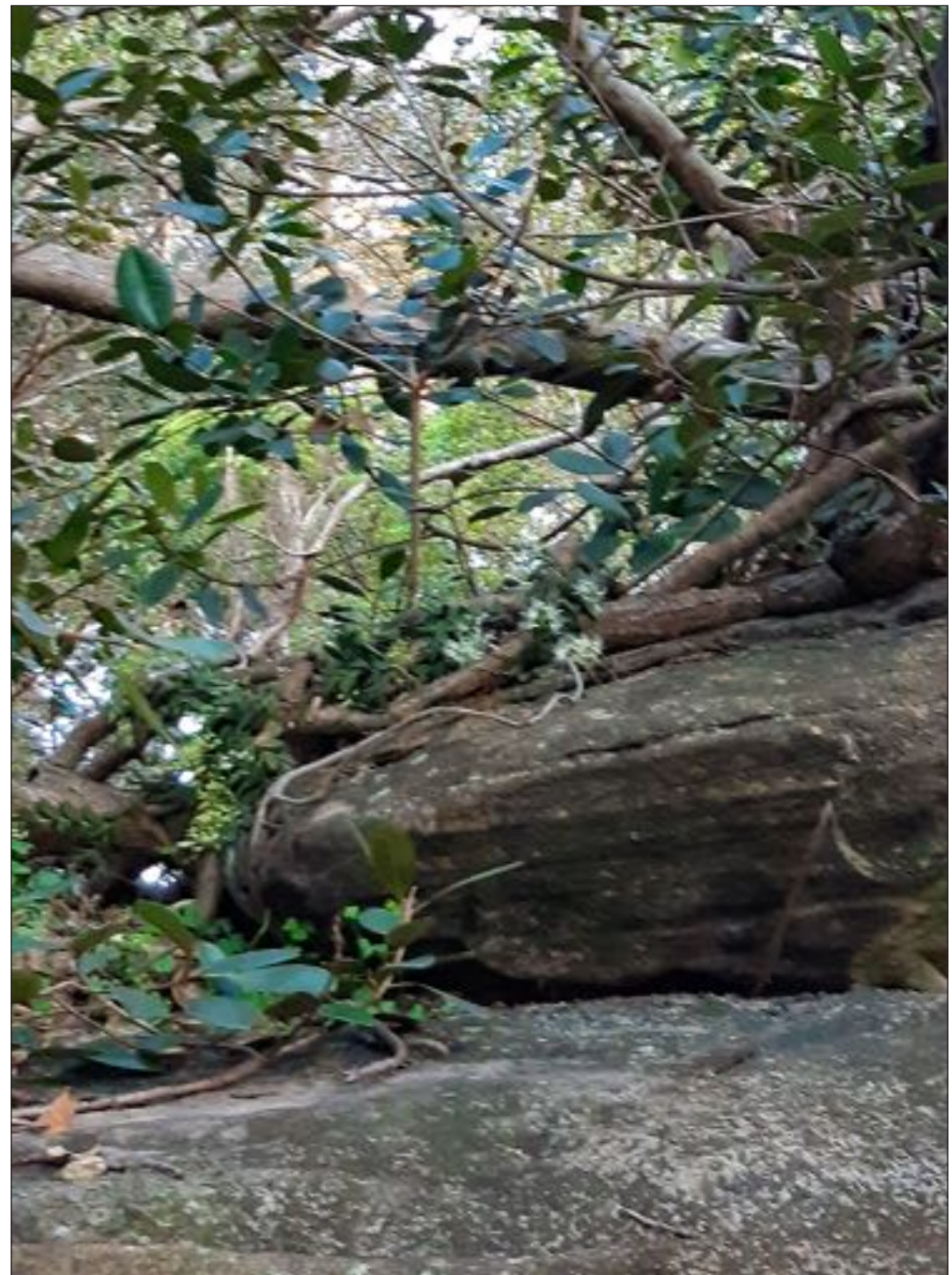
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Erythrorchis cassythoides Trish Peterson



Dendrobium speciosum Trish Peterson



Dockrillia linguiformis Trish Peterson