

The rainforests of the Solomon Islands are home to some amazing orchid species. There is more than 285 species of orchids found in the Solomons. The lowland forests hold the most diversity and abundance. These forests are however losing these orchids to mass deforestation, and harvesting of wild stocks by locals. Many orchids grow on the upper reaches of the larger islands where montane species include *Calanthe ventilabrum*, *Corybas gemmatus* and *Calanthe triplica* to name a few. *Calanthe ventilabrum* is a common orchid on most high islands in the Solomons. Sadly, with large scale destruction of the lowland rainforests and warming of the montane forests, many of these species are today disappearing

Native Orchids of the Solomons



Coelogyne asperata



Calanthe ventilabrum



Dendrobium moblianum



Phreatia sp.



Unidentified orchid, montane forests



Dendrobium goldii



Calanthe triplicata



Grammatophyllum speciosum