

# 'Cymbidium Chatter'

Edition 2d March 2020



Butterfly Magic 'Springfield'

This will be the last 'Cymbidium Chatter' for March 2020. I hope this finds you well and coping with your new lifestyle, your orchid plants should be benefitting from the extra time you now have available. I have almost completed my repotting and potting-on and I now have my fertilising equipment functioning properly (more on this later).

With our enforced isolation it is going to be a quiet time for visiting nurseries and purchasing new orchid plants, however, there are many orchid nurseries scattered throughout Australia that allow you to purchase online. Over the years I have purchased many plants this way and I have always been very happy with the service and quality of plants received. Buying from a reputable nursery is always preferable to purchasing plants on eBay, that is unless you really know who you are dealing with — there are some genuine sellers!

Over the next editions I will bring to your attention just some of the nurseries who offer online purchases, beginning with two outstanding nurseries in Western Australia. I have bought many plants from both Ezi-Gro Orchids and Springfield Orchids, over the years. Both nurseries have excellent websites, which are very easy to navigate and the offerings are first class, you will be spoilt for choices. Nado Lenkic and Kevin Butler have been in the orchid game for many generations and they always stand by their products, I recommend them most highly!

**Springfield Orchids:** Nado Lenkic [springfieldorchids.com.au](http://springfieldorchids.com.au) (08) 9293 3196

Nado offers plants of various sizes and he has some really interesting and different selections.



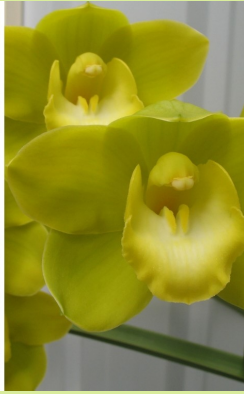
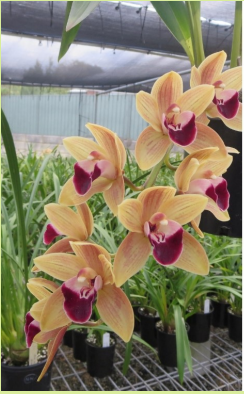
Right: Elusive Butterfly  
'Seminal'

Left: Butterfly Magic  
'Eureka'

Photos: N Lenkic



Some more interesting plants from Springfield Orchids, give Nado a call. Great plants at great prices! Email or phone to check the availability of selected items.



**MEM. AMELIA EARHART '#3' X BEAU GUEST 'GLENN'**

**Product ID: SO1440**

You can't go wrong with the Mem. Amelia Earhart's or their progeny.

Expecting mainly green and yellow hanging basket intermediates.

Sure to produce some quality tetraploids. **Plant Size: C \$12.50**



**YOWIE ROSE 'CABERNET' X DE-LOVELY 'BTC'**

**Product ID: SO1504**

Expecting tall spiking deep pinks and occasional red – with lots of shape.

Winter blooming.

**Plant Size: B Price\$:10**

This is just a very small sample of what is available, do yourself a favour and check out the website!

**Ezi-Gro Orchids**

Kevin Butler

[ezi-gro.com.au](http://ezi-gro.com.au)

(08) 9343 2761

Kevin has a wide selection of plants available. The size of plants varies from single growth to flowering sized seedlings and clones. Flasks of plants are also available. Featured below are some of the clones that are available, many of which are exclusive to Ezi-Gro Orchids.



Darch Alex 'Red Eye'



Darch Dots 'Dazzler'



Darch Joe 'Joe'



Darch Molly 'Molly'



Hot Line 'Plum Loco'



Opera Mint 'Darch'



Rosa Butti 'Pretty Early'



Sweet Wine 'Latour'

A couple more from Ezi-Gro. Kevin is great to deal with, I'm sure you will love your purchases!



Stewart Stretch 'Ginger'



William Weaver 'Kimberley Sunset'

NB: If you do decide to purchase mail order goods please make sure you wash your hands thoroughly after unpacking your plants as the packages will have been handled many times!

## Why are my orchid's leaves wrinkled?

The following brief explanation can be found at: [libgudes.nybg.org](http://libgudes.nybg.org)

Wrinkled leaves are a sign of underwatering. The leaves will fold up like an accordion. Water your plant well, making sure that water runs through the pot, and then increase the frequency of watering. The wrinkled leaves won't straighten out, but the new leaves will grow normally. Your watering regime will depend on your home's light intensity, temperature and humidity.



The following two photographs were taken of a plant, *Cymbidium* var *concolor*, in my own collection. The explanation given above is very accurate in this case. I removed the plant from the shelf where it was growing (right in front of a large window). In an effort to avoid splashing the glass I realised that I hadn't been watering the whole pot. The leaves on the front part of the plant were perfectly normal but the back third of the relatively large plant (the part closest to the window) was on the dry side and this was where the 'concertina leaves' were. The plant is perfectly healthy and the ripples will eventually grow out to some extent but will always be evident — perhaps I should suggest introducing a class for the plant with the most decorative leaves. I don't think so!!

## Some more photographs from the US



Left: a sibling cross of Marie Bashir, 'Shocking' x 'Flash', made by Loren Batchman and above Art Mendoza 'Civet', hybridiser Hatfield Orchids  
Photographs: R Copeland



The four photographs featured left and below are Mighty Moon seedlings.

The grex Mighty Moon was registered by the hybridiser, Weegie Caughlin, California, in 2018.

Mighty Moon resulted from the crossing (Mighty Tracey x Full Moon).

Mighty Tracey's hybridiser was Andy Easton and Full Moon was created by Tony Velardi.

Weegie is very active in the Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Society in San Mateo, California.

Photographs: Weegie Caughlin

