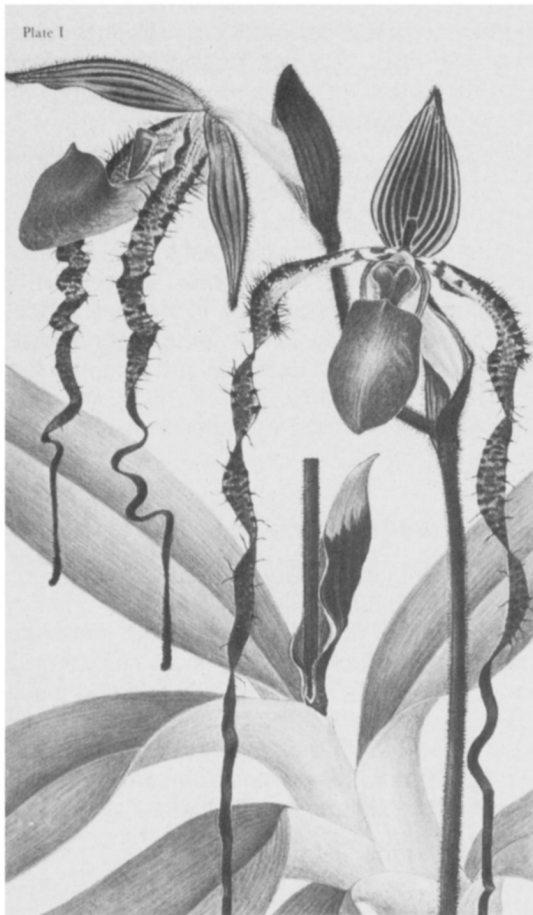


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There is an article on Conservation of Rare and Endangered Bulbs by Sara Oldfield, another on Rare and Little-Known Crocuses in Cultivation by Brian Mathew and one on the fascinating Underground Orchids of Australia by Mark Clements and Phillip Cribb. Descriptions in Flowers of the Phu Luang Wildlife Sanctuary and the account of Alpine Ecology in the Barun Khola, Nepal made me feel I ought to pack my rucksack immediately. The magazine also includes book reviews, readers' letters, series on Portraits of Botanical Artists and on Plants in Peril, and forthcoming events of interest.

There is much of interest here to the botanist, horticulturist and conservationist, and I wish the new publication success.

Jacqui Morris

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Nursery Sources, Native Plants and Wild Flowers

Compiled by New England Wild Flower Society, Inc., Garden in the Woods, Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701, USA
Price of \$3.50 includes post in the US

Various specialist plant societies have produced Codes of Conduct discouraging the purchase of wild-collected plants from nurseries. The New England Wild Flower Society has gone one step further and produced a useful guide to the US nurseries that sell native plants, indicating the source of the material.

Information is given on 193 nurseries based on a survey of 430 North American native plant nurseries. In each case a rough guide is given to the range of plant material offered together with an indication of the proportion of wild-collected and propagated material. Orchids are treated separately, as the Society points out that 'most wild orchids can be especially difficult to grow if taken out of their natural habitats'. The guide includes seven nurseries offering native orchids, which are all collected from the wild, and recommends that such plants should not be bought.

Sara Oldfield

Environmental directory

The new revised (6th) edition of the Civic Trust's *Environmental Directory* of national and regional organisations of interest to those concerned with amenity and the environment is now available from the Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW17 5AW at £3.00 including postage.

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