Phaius australis (Lesser Swamp Orchid)

An easily grown plant in cultivation, it prefers semi shade and normally occurs in swamps. Leaves are dark green, pleated, thin-textured, 50-120cm long. Propagation is achieved from seed or by the cutting of the base clump of the plant. The decorative and scented flowers occur between late August and October, coloured reddish brown with yellow. Another method of regeneration is flower stem node propagation. This plant is classed as endangered and one of the largest species of ground orchids.

Type: Orchid
Aspect: Part Shade
Soil: Moist
Habitat: Wet Sclerophyll

Special features:

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