



ORCHIDS: TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE. JANUARY 27- APRIL 22, 2007

13th Annual Orchid Exhibit



Orchids: Take a Walk on the Wild Side, the 13th Annual Orchid Exhibit, will be at the National Museum of Natural History from January 27, 2007 to April 22, 2007.

Orchids will be displayed naturalistically rather than submerged in mulch as is typical for such exhibits. Information on orchid ecology, pollination biology, symbioses, evolution, phylogeny and the work of Smithsonian Institution researchers is interspersed on display panels throughout the exhibit.

This depicted ecosystem will increase visitors' awareness and understanding of conservation issues relating to orchids and provide them with insight into the importance of preserving natural habitats as well as individual species of plants.

" From misty rainforests to remote mountain ridges, the beauty and diversity of orchids captivate us and prompt us to explore their place in the world around us. Follow in the footsteps of Smithsonian researchers from the forest floor up into the tree canopy to learn about orchids in their natural habitats. Ask questions and search for answers as we take a walk on the wild side to discover the mysteries of the orchid."