

## ***Disa barbata* and other terrestrial orchids of the Fynbos biome - surprises and experiences**

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Terrestrial orchids are a significant component of the fynbos biome. They count amongst the most beautiful, intriguing and desirable plants of the fynbos. They occupy a variety of habitat niches within the biome and culturally are greatly affected by fires, floods and human encroachment. Understanding their cultural needs helps clarify how these plants survive. The *Disa barbata* project has been the flagship project to understanding how these plants develop through the various stages from seed to mature flowering plant.