

Expanding Your Orchid Collection, by Rentoul, J. N.

This is the book for the orchid grower who wants to move beyond the standard collection to explore the challenges offered by some of the less common genera. Over 100 genera are covered in detail, in this beautiful and practical book, with 216 full – color plates to delight every serious orchid grower.

J. N. Rentoul has been growing orchids for more than 50 years. This practical experience enables him to give authoritative advice on the exact conditions required by each genus in artificial cultivation. His years of careful and caring observation are distilled into down-to-earth advice on moderating conditions to suit your collection.

He provides notes on the appearance, history and habitat of each genus, as well as clarifying the confusing problems of nomenclature. He explains the influence of climate and seasonal patterns of growth, flowering and dormancy, and how and when to apply water and fertilizer; precise figures are given for ranges of temperature, shade and humidity where necessary. Every aspect of orchid culture for each genus is considered, including potting mixes, slab mounts, root moisture and air circulation.

Like all his other books, this volume is enhanced by his beautiful photographs and informative captions.

J. N. Rentoul has completed over 50 years of practical orchid growing. Starting as an amateur without formal horticultural or botanical training, he has through practical experience, study and research become a recognized authority on the cultivation of all types of orchids.

His major works, of which the specialist orchid grower is the culmination, include four Growing Orchid volumes, Book 1, *Cymbidians and Slippers*; Book 2, *The Cattleyas and other Epiphytes*; Book 3, *Vandas, Dendrobiums and others*; Book 4, *The Australasian Families*.

He has been a regular contributor to *Your Garden* magazine in Australia for more than 30 years, as well as writing articles for journals around the world.

