

Schlechter, R.: **Die Orchideen**. Band I/B. 31. Lieferung, Bogen 120-123. - Blackwell Wissenschafts-Verlag, Berlin 1995. 71 pp. DM 32.00.

This is 31st part of the book on orchids which has started to appear part by part in 1970. This 31st part belongs to the taxonomic section of the monograph and concerns the final part of the subtribus *Ornithocephalinae*, further the subtribus *Pachyphyllinae*, *Pterostomatinae*, *Raycadencoinae*, *Lokhartiinae*, *Trichocentrinae* and *Ionopsidinae*. As could be judged from this very small part of the voluminous work with several thousands of pages, each item - *Orchis* species - is described in detail and a key for determination of the species is added. Numerous perfect pictures, drawings and photographs, are added as well as an alphabetic plant index and the content of all the Volumes.

The complete work will be essential for plant taxonomists and specialists in orchid research.

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