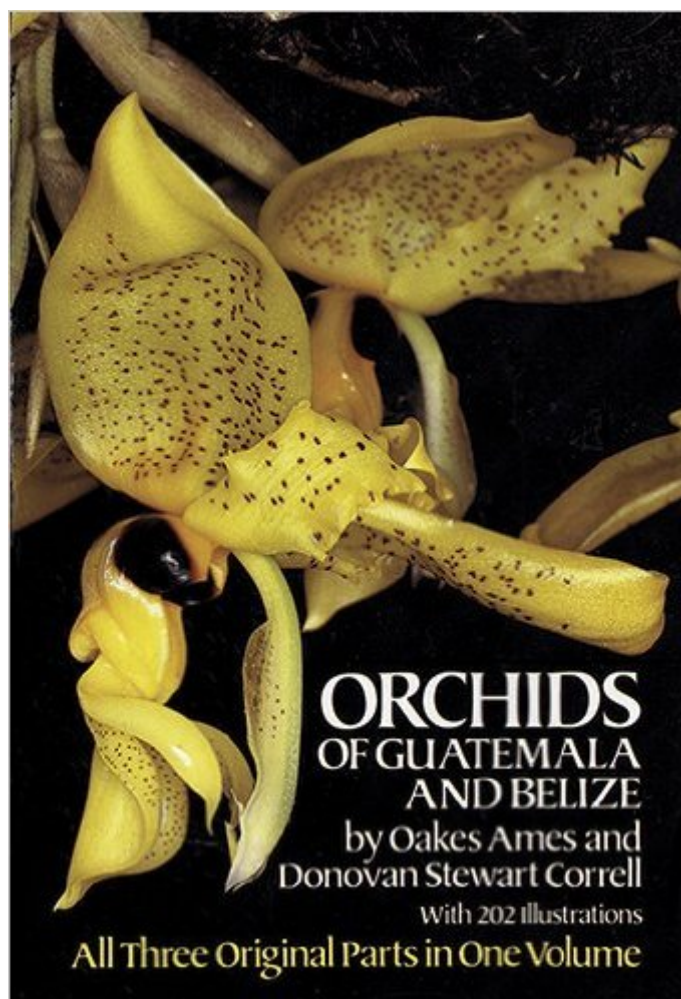


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Orchids Of Guatemala And Belize



Synopsis

This thorough and exhaustive botanical classic by the late Professor Oakes Ames, director of the Botanical Museum of Harvard University, and Donovan Stewart Correll, formerly research Associate at that museum, presents all the known orchids of Guatemala and Belize (formerly British Honduras). A total of 527 species of orchids and 25 varieties in 89 genera constitute this monumental study. All of the genera are illustrated, as well as more than 100 additional species in 204 accurate black-and-white illustrations. Detailed entries for each orchid give distinguishing characteristics, color, flower descriptions, precise measurements, natural habitat, soil conditions, and more. Among the major genera are: *Cypripedium*, *Phragmipedium*, *Habenaria*, *Vanilla*, *Crybe*, *Erythroides*, *Corymborchis*, *Lepanthes*, *Malaxis*, *Hexisia*, *Cattleya*, *Govenia*, *Stanhopea*, *Maxillaria*, *Palumbina*, *Aspasia*, *Lonopsis*, *Brassia*, *Ponera*, *Dichaea* and dozens of others. Originally published by the Chicago Natural History Museum in two volumes and a supplement and out of print for many years, *Orchids of Guatemala and Belize* is now accessible in one practical, affordable edition. Botanists, students, teachers, and anyone interested in nature and the extraordinary beauty of orchids will find this volume indispensable for study and reference.

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Oakes Ames and Donovan Stewart Correll excelled themselves with this fabulous addition to worldwide botanical knowledge. Featuring a listing of the then-known 531 species found in Guatemala and its northeastern neighbor Belize, it also includes dozens of detailed black-and-white

drawings depicting the different parts of the plant like roots, leaves and flowers. Each genus is followed by a detailed description and a key to identify the different species present in it. Each species is followed by its appropriate list of synonyms, a tremendously detailed description, and sometimes a few words to compare and contrast with similar species. It also features a complete introduction to the orchid family, including illustrated characteristics and descriptions, and a brief essay on the distribution of Guatemalan orchids. The book, divided in two parts, was later grouped with a third addition describing some newly found species and other places where they had been found. All three parts make up this outstanding volume, packed with interesting remarks, fascinating facts and beautiful illustrations - a "must" for orchid lovers everywhere!

Orchids of Guatemala and Belize is an old classic, with several volumes which have been reprinted in a softcover, low cost format. It's useful, however most of the taxonomy is outdated. This is a volume that surely is a good acquisition for any orchid library, and good value in the relation to the low cost and thickness, however the reader should not expect many illustrations. There are no pictures, and only a limited number of line drawings in relation to the total number of species covered.

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