

DO YOU KNOW

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WHERE TO STAY



Orchids

Combinations of floral characteristics distinguish orchids from other orders of flowering plants. Orchid flowers are borne on stalks called pedicels, as are other flowers. During the growth and development of the flower, however, the pedicel rotates 180°, so that the mature orchid flower is borne upside down.

Of the flower's three sepals (outer floral whorls) and three petals (inner floral whorls), all the sepals and the two lateral petals are usually similar to one another in color and shape.

The remaining petal is called the labellum or lip; it is usually larger and different in colour and shape. The labellum acts as a landing platform for the orchid pollinator and may attract the pollinator to the flower through particular colour patterns and shapes to which the pollinator responds in particular ways.

The sexual organs are the pistil and stamens. In the orchid flower, they are fused together into a structure called the column, which lies opposite the lip. Orchids have only one stamen which is the male floral organ,

and in most orchids it bears only one anther or pollen-producing structure; some orchids, however, have two anthers.

An orchid flower should have the sepals and petals as well as the lip in place, without which a flower is not an orchid at all.

Orchid flowers are pollinated by a great variety of insects and even animals. Bees; moths, butterflies, flies and birds pollinate about half the orchid species. Many orchid flowers are adapted for pollination by a single species of insect.

The orchid plants do not vary as much but their floral structures do. A great variety of forms exist, reflecting the wide range of habitats they occupy. About half are epiphytic, growing on other plants for support only, but others are saprophytic (living on decaying vegetation).

Their phenomenal popularity is as ornamental flowers. Growers have produced thousands of new forms of orchids through hybridization. In Kawakaan Inanam's famous Orchid De Villa, there is even a hybrid orchid named after a King's wife.

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JUNE EVENTS

ASIAN FEDERATION OF FOOTBALL (AFC) UNDER-13 FESTIVAL

Date: 04 - 10 June 2007
Organiser: Ministry of Youth & Sports
Venue: Likas Sports Complex and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)
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MATAKING REEF DAY

Date: 08 - 10 June 2007
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SANDAKAN CULTURAL CARNIVAL 2007

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Other Cultural Events:

Tuaran Cultural Carnival
Date: 21st - 22nd July 2007

Venue: Tuaran
Kudat Cultural Carnival
Date: 27th - 28th October 2007
Venue: Esplanade Sidek, Kudat
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SUTERA HARBOUR JUNIOR AMATEUR OPEN 2007

Date: 15 - 16 June 2007
Organiser: Sutera Harbour Golf Club
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3RD MAH ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK 2007

Date: 16 June 2007
Organiser: Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH), Sabah / Labuan Chapter

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22ND SABAH DRAGON BOAT RACE

Date: 17 June 2007
Organiser: Sabah Tourism Board, Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd & Sabah Chinese Cultural Association
Venue: Teluk Likas, Likas
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Event Website: <http://www.sabahtourism.com/dragonboat/>

DAMA ORCHESTRA CONCERTS (SANDAKAN)

Date: 21 June 2007
Organiser: Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd
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Weekly TAMU (Open Market) in Sabah

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SUNDAY 6am - 2pm
Kota Belud, Tuaran, Putatan, Papar, Babagon, Tambunan, Tenom, Membakut, Kota Marudu, Sikuati, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

MONDAY 6am - 2pm
Tandek

TUESDAY 6am - 2pm
Kiulu

WEDNESDAY 6am - 2pm
Pinggan-pinggan, Tamparuli & Kudat

THURSDAY 6am - 2pm
Donggongan, Telipok, Tenghilan, Pekan Nabal, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

FRIDAY 6am - 2pm
Donggongan, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapol, Kanibangan

SATURDAY 6am - 2pm
Kinarut, Beaufort, Sindumin, Matunggong, Pekan Pitas

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