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JUNIOR TABLE

FREE STUFF

GLASS

12 x 12mm

AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION
OF
JEWELERS





ORCHID STAMPS -

These are approximately 50 sets of stamps available for sale.
They are divided into roughly 100 groups in "themes".



Oncidium - Anaphis phalaena

This orchid is native to the tropics.

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- ORCHID STAMPS. -

There are approximately 30,000 species orchids in the world.
They are divided into roughly 800 genera or 'families.'



Orchid - *Ansellia africana*

This extremely variable orchid is widespread throughout tropical Africa.



The genus *Ansellia* has only one species orchid in this genera, "*africana*."

It was commonly referred to as 'the African leopard orchid' and was discovered in 1841 on Bioko (Fernando Po) Island in West Africa by John Ansell, an English assistant botanist.

It's found in a variety of habitats, usually in open woodland in hot, dry areas below 2300 feet elevation. Found usually wedged into the forks of large trees or attached to their trunks and branches, but they occasionally grow attached to rocks or on the ground. It can weigh as much as a ton!

It's pseudobulbs can grow up 47" long, cylindrical shaped, stand erect with yellowish surface and longitudinal ridges. Large fleshy white roots attach it to host trees. Ground dwelling orchids produce a second style of root, slender, stiff and pointed. They form a bowl like shape around the base of the orchid which catches leaves and litter that provides a source of food as it decays.

The flowering spike or 'inflorescence' emerges from the top of the pseudobulb but may produce from the lower nodes after the leaves have fallen. Each inflorescence has between 10 to 100 flowers which have a strong musky scent and are one to one and a half inches in size. Extremely variable in colour, these orchids have a yellow to greenish background that is marked with variable maroon-brown blotchings. It is pollinated by bees and ants.

Humans have used this orchid in many ways:

Drugs and Medicine:

- In Senegal sick children were bathed in a juice extract of the plant as an antimalarial agent.
- The stem is used in an aphrodisiac in Transvaal and by Zulu men.
- An infusion of the stem, leaf or root was used to treat children's coughs.
- The juice from a heated stem was squeezed into the ears of East Africans to treat earaches.
- In Zambia an infusion of the leaf and stem was used to treat madness.

Artifact:

- In East Africa the gum obtained from the pseudobulbs was used by tribesmen to stick feathers on arrows.

Beliefs:

- The roots were used by Zulu youths to make unmarried girls temporarily sterile.
- Zulu youths wore the leaf from the orchid as an under arm bangle when courting.
- As an antidote to bad dreams, Zulus would take an infusion of the stem or hold their heads in the smoke of the burning root.



THERE ARE AT LEAST 48 ORCHID DEPICTED STAMPS FROM AT LEAST 29 COUNTRIES



10\$

- Pierogies

- Sausage

- Salad

10\$

- 3\$ Barley Soup

3\$

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