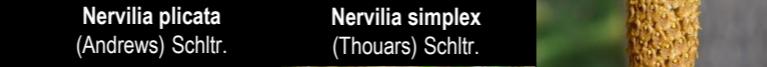


# ORCHIDS OF WESTERN GHATS



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Diplocentrum recurvum	Lindl. <b>Eulophia pratensis</b> Lindl.
Pecteilis gigantea	(Sm.) Raf. <b>Satyrium nepalense</b> D.Don
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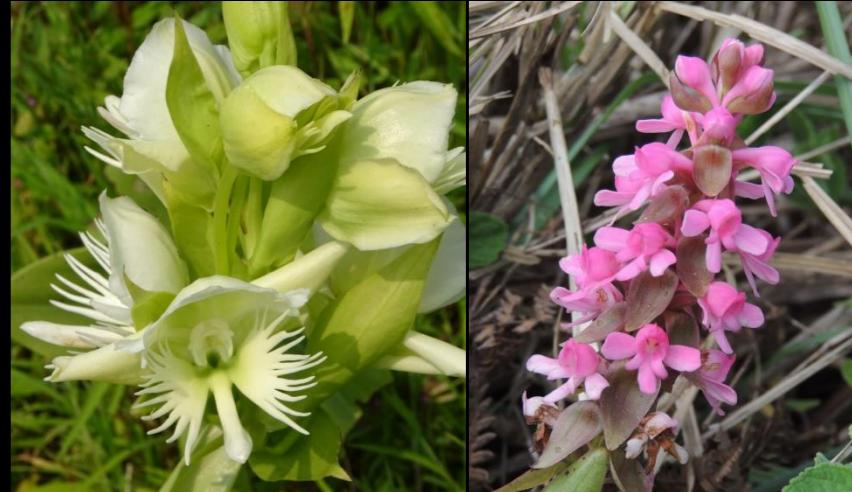
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Western Ghats or 'Sahyadris' form a chain of mountains parallel to west coast almost stretching from Tapti River in the north to Kanyakumari in the south, covering a total area of about 160,000 km<sup>2</sup>. The Western Ghats, a valuable repository for biodiversity after the Himalayas, is one of the 34 mega diversity hot spots of the world.

The Western Ghats is one of the major tropical evergreen-forested regions in India and possess enormous plant diversity including several endemic orchids. According to the present knowledge, more than 300 species of orchids exist in the Western Ghats of which 123 are endemic which comprises highest number of endemic orchids in Peninsular India. However, new taxa and new reports of orchids are being constantly made from this region indicating the need for further exploration in various under explored regions in Western Ghats.



*Acampe praemorsa*  
(Roxb.) Blatt. & McCann

*Aerides crispa*  
Lindl.

*Aerides maculosa*  
Lindl.



*Brachycorythis iantha*  
(Wight) Summerh.

*Bulbophyllum fimbriatum*  
(Lindl.) Rchb.f.

*Bulbophyllum versicolor*  
(Lindl.) Sushil K.Singh,  
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*Aerides ringens*  
(Lindl.) C.E.C.Fisch.

*Bulbophyllum fischeri*  
Seidenf.

*Bulbophyllum fuscopurpureum*  
Wight

*Crepidium versicolor*  
(Lindl.) Sushil K.Singh,  
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*Dendrobium aqueum*  
Lindl.

*Dendrobium barbatulum*  
Lindl.

*Dendrobium herbaceum*  
Lindl.

*Dendrobium heterocarpum*  
Wall. ex Lindl.

*Dendrobium jerdonianum*  
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*Eria mysorensis*  
Lindl.

*Eria pauciflora*  
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*Eria microchilos*  
(Dalzell) Lindl.

*Eria exilis*  
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