

## **Forest Creek Lodge. Custodians Mush & Anita Nichols**

The Steenkampsberg escarpment and grassy foothills are very rich in both terrestrial and epiphytic orchids. If you have ever doubted the existence of forest fairies and talking orchids, you need to take up a walking stick and wander along this very deep, silent and secluded forest paths of Forest Creek. You will be pleasantly surprised.

The drawing up of this list with photographic images is my intention to record these magnificent plants. Our first short visit in December 2020 already produced eight identify-able species. This list will grow rapidly as more and more enthusiast visit this special place at different times of their different flowering times.

### **Orchidaceae family**

*Angraecum chamaeanthus*

*Disperis lindleyana*

*Liparis bowkeri*

*Mystacidium capense*

*Nervilia gassneri*

*Polystachya ottoniana*

*Stenoglottis fimbriata*

*Tridactyle tricuspis*

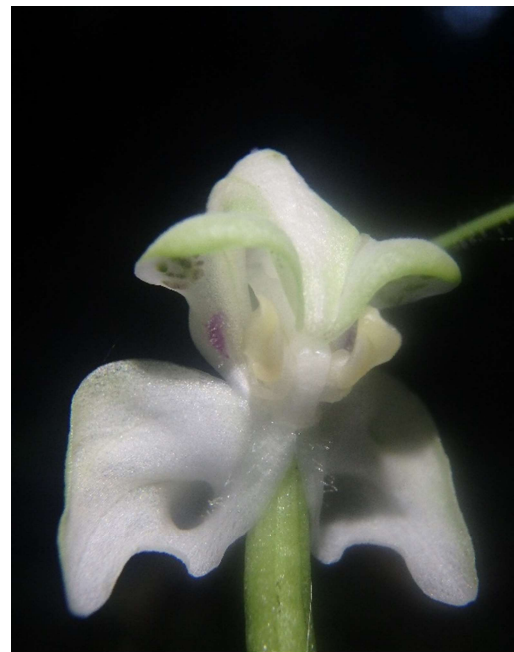
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*Stenoglottis fimbriata* (Litophyte)



*Liparis bowkeri*



*Mystacidium capense*

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