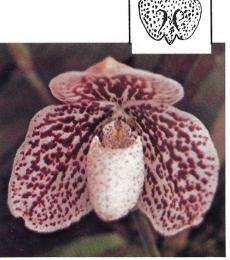


Paphiopedilum leucochilum (Rolfe) Fowl. This illustration is quite typical of the large-flowered species which occurs in the limestone islands of the Krabi-Phuket Gulf on the west side of the Isthmus of Kra. The staminode of these plants is quite different than those of Paphiopedilum godefroyae from near Chumphon (compare with staminode below). In part the term "leucochilum" is poor, as some types of P. godefroyae from the extreme south have unspotted labellums as well, but as a name first used by Rolfe for this species it has been retained.

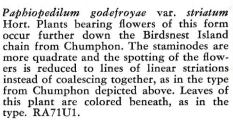
Paphiopedilum leucochilum var. hemixanthinum Hort. The dorsal of this flower has been bent upwards revealing its interior. Note the cream coloration in deference to the immaculate white nature of the background color of the flower above. On some islands up to half the population have this creamy coloration as the background tone.

Where this species occurs on limestone ridges on the shoreline they are dwarfed to about 2/3 the size of the island populations and the flowers are only 2/3 normal size and do not open fully. Further south, intergrades with *P. niveum* are found above Satoon, Thailand.





Paphiopedilum godefroyae (Godefroy) Pfitz. x1. This illustration is taken from a plant collected by us from the Birdsnest Islands just east of Chumphon, close to where Alabaster made the collection shipped to Godefroy-Lebeuf and Kew Gardens, one of which was used to describe the species for the first time. Accordingly, the name should be reserved for plants which have this typical appearance of flower form.





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