

THE FALL **2021**

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

REPORT

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Charles Wilson, Chair

AOS Conservation Committee



American Orchid Society

Education, Conservation, Research

With special thanks to the committee
members and adviser:

Kathy Barrett

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Conservation
Projects funded for

2021

Dr. Jyotsna Sharma (Texas Tech Univ) – US orchid habitat restoration, propagation and reintroduction of two distinctly isolated populations of *Platanthera chapmanii* in Florida and Texas (second year funding for \$1,420.00)



Platanthera chapmanii in full bloom.



Texas habitat for Platanthera champanii.

Jean M. Hervouet - Protection of the Ambodiriana forest and its orchids in Madagascar
(second year funding for \$1,905.00)



Cynorkis lowiana and *Cynorkis schlecteri* are two of the beautiful and unusual species recorded in the Ambodiriana forest in northeastern Madagascar. The conservation of these Malagasy orchid species and forest protection is being supported in part by a two year grant from the American Orchid Society. A detailed article appeared in the June 2021 edition of *Orchids*.

Dr. Ramon de Bedout Herrera (Nature Reserve La Nube, Colombia) - for orchid reproduction and reintroduction of three endangered species of Andean orchids (first year funding for \$3,961.00)



Specimen of *Odontoglossum gloriosum* in situ, flower rod, hand pollination flower, and seed capsule.

Odontoglossum gloriosum in situ & Lab process steps

Nature Reserve La Nube, Colombia, is engaged in a long term orchid conservation project for reproduction and reintroduction of three endangered Andean species of orchids (*Masdevallia caudata*, *Masdevallia ludibundella*, and *Oncidium (Odm) gloriosum*).

Normandie González-Orellana (University of Puerto Rico) - *in situ* study of the Puerto Rican endemic orchid *Psychilis kraenzlinii* (first year funding for \$2,281.50)



Normandie González-Orellana in the Susúa State Forest, Puerto Rico



Psychilis kraenzlinii
(Found only in Puerto Rico)

**Conservation Grants may be applied for
until 1 Feb 2022.**

**Submission dates are now coordinated with
Education and Research Committee Grants**

**~~Nominations for the Philip E. Keenan Conservation
Award and the AOS Conservation Recognition Awards
may be made until 1 Dec 2021~~**

(Details available on the AOS website.)

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Conservation Endowment Fund.

Conservation Endowment balance Sep 2021: \$76,404

Questions/Suggestions? Contact us at:

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