

*Paphiopedilum kolopakingii* is still rare in cultivation and all plants originate from the collection in the Simanis nursery. However, its floriferous nature should ensure that it becomes a popular parent in hybridising. No other species produces so many flowers opening at the same time. The cultivar 'Riopelle' received an FCC from the American Orchid Society on 27th April 1996 at the Oregon orchid society Show in Portland.

Hopefully seedlings from crossing and selfings will be introduced into cultivation in some numbers in the not-too-distant future to prevent it being stripped from the wild in large quantities.



Fig. 34. *Paphiopedilum kolopakingii*, a plant exhibited at a German Orchid Society show in 1997. (Photo.: P. Cribb)