



The New Zealand Native Orchid Group's aims are to make information about native orchids available and to promote their conservation. To further these aims the Group has a Code of ethical conduct.

1. Regard the orchid tuber as sacred and leave it undisturbed. Take only photographs if a plant is scarce in a locality. If you need a specimen for identification, take the minimum — don't take the whole plant unless there are more than twenty; don't take more than 5% of any one epiphyte; don't take flowers or fruit if there are few present; don't take duplicates. It is illegal to take specimens of any native plant from a Protected Natural Area without official permission.
2. Make sure you know whether it can be grown, and if so what its requirements are, before you take even a "common" native orchid for cultivation; where possible use seeds.
3. Preserve the habitat of all native plants: tread with care to minimise compaction of soil and disturbance of swamp habitat; "garden" minimally before taking photographs and do replace shelter if you have bent surrounding vegetation away.
4. Don't introduce any plant into wild habitat without proper authority.
5. Do tell the conservation people if you find a new site for a rare plant. Inform those who might unwittingly destroy a site with normal maintenance activities. Take care who you tell about the whereabouts of a rare plant, and don't take big groups to visit.
6. Tell park or property administrators when they need to protect orchid habitat by clearing scrub, maintaining tracks, spraying weeds or burning off.
7. Respect the rights and wishes of landowners and those of conservation people who ask you not to visit a site at certain times.
8. Make little impact on the environment; dispose of rubbish responsibly.

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