

***Sarcochilus falcatus* Monbult**

Sarcochilus falcatus (the Orange Blossom Orchid) is a small epiphyte found from North Eastern Queensland through to Eastern Victoria. It is the most widely distributed of the genus, and is easily recognised by its stiff falcate leaves. They are equally comfortable growing on a mount, or in a pot, and are generally considered easy to grow, albeit slow.

The 3-12 white flowers, borne on up to 18cm racemes, are approximately 3 cm across, with white or orange marking on the labellum. The flowers are pleasantly scented, reminiscent of orange blossom, hence its common name. This species requires good humidity and air movement throughout the year, and is quite suitable for shadehouse culture. The usual epiphytic media such as pine bark, coconut fibre etc are all suitable, as are weathered hardwood, sheoak or natural cork mounts. This species is slow growing, and is susceptible to root and leaf damage from insects, slugs and snails.