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“Aphrodite’s slippers – in search of the world’s rarest orchids”

The slipper orchids (Orchidaceae subfamily Cypripedioideae) are amongst the most charismatic of all plants, one of the most popular groups in cultivation around the world. They form a distinct and ancient lineage within the orchids of about 170 species in five genera. Modern DNA analysis has clarified our understanding of relationships and evolution of the slipper orchids.

Nowadays, slipper orchids exhibit a relict distribution in both the New and Old Worlds. A few are widespread but most are now rare and some, particularly those that have a restricted natural distribution, hover on the verge of extinction. In this lecture, I will discuss aspects of our improved knowledge of the subfamily and share some of my adventures in searching for some of the rarer species as far afield as the Solomon Islands, New Guinea, China, Mexico and the Andes. Conservation prospects will be considered.

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