

# Coryanthes macrantha



**Native of:** Peru to Venezuela

**Habitat:** Epiphyte in lowland forest living in arboreal ants nests.

**Description:** Medium sized plant with 45cm leaves and pendant flower stems with 1 to 3 large flowers. This is the famous bucket orchid, a very interesting and scented flower.

**Cultivation Guidance:** This is a challenging plant to grow. At school we grow this species warm (min. 15°C) in a hanging basket well watered and once a week we feed with very dilute nitric acid as it has been suggested that a low pH is important. It is too early to say if our cultivation is completely successful as it hasn't flowered yet!!

**Flowering season:** Summer

**Flask to flowering approx:** 5yrs.

**Seedling source:** commercial nursery