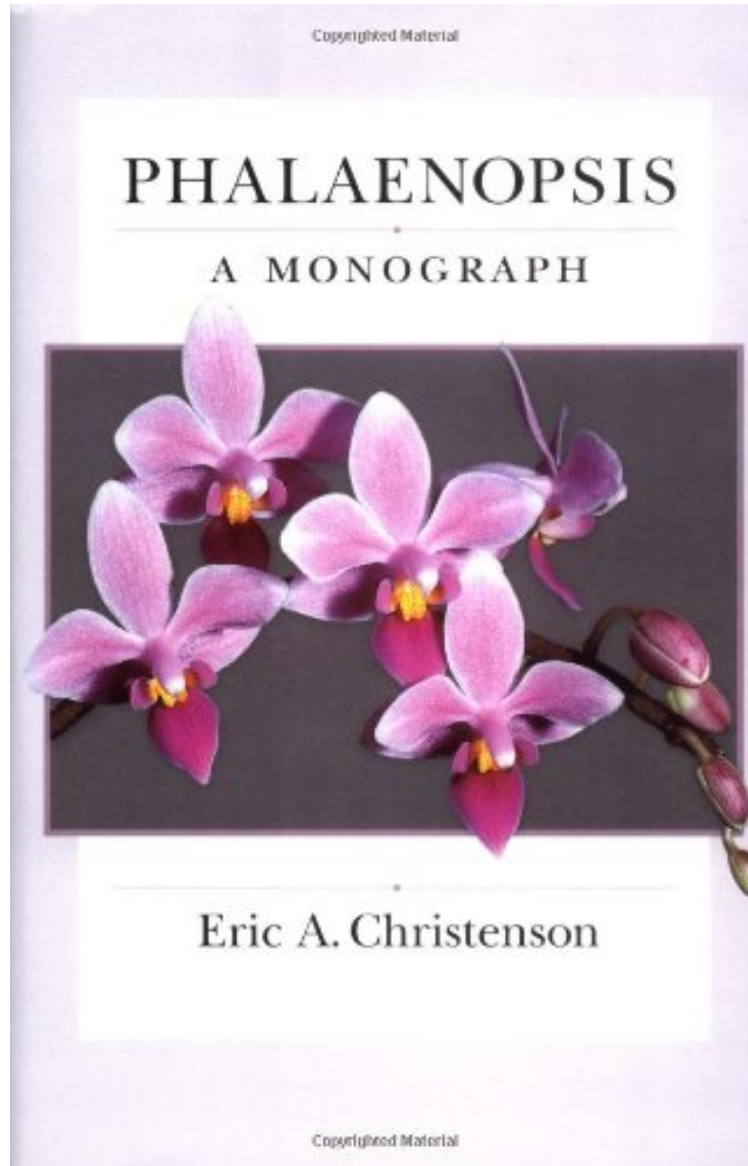


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**Eric A. Christenson : Phalaenopsis: A Monograph** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Phalaenopsis: A Monograph:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Must have for a Phal. lover.By audiblemercyThis book is a tour de force. The knowledge poured into the pages of this book is amazing. The meat of the book is organized such that each subgenus of Phalaenopsis is covered by a chapter. Each chapter begins with a flow chart for distinguishing members

of the subgenus by key features such as sepal size and spur prominence. Each species and its other forms are then described in detail with regards to anatomy, phylogeny, distribution, general facts, and occasionally tips for cultivation. This book serves as a great reference. The index was well thought out and all of the species are ordered alphabetically under the index entry "Phalaenopsis". In the middle of the book are several pages of color images on gloss paper with the species organized alphabetically. The book recently helped me correctly identify a Phal. that was incorrectly labelled by a vendor. For many species, Christenson notes when other species have been confused for it. When used in combination with *Fragrant Orchids* by Frowine, it becomes easy to search for fragrant Phals. 11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. **THE Phalaenopsis book** By Richard W. Burton This book is invaluable for several reasons but most easily summed up with the statement that "it's all here". Dr. Christenson is first and foremost a taxonomist, but unlike so many other scientists, he is willing to share his reasons for placing a particular plant in a particular taxon. Every species is discussed thoroughly, and in another rare move, almost all the points of information are the same for each species so that they can be compared with an "apples to apples" approach. All measurements are metric. The keys actually work. Even the photos are in alphabetical order. What is also wonderful is that there is cultivation and conservation information sprinkled throughout the book, not just in those chapters. His horticultural expertise, his conservation ethic, and his sense of humor makes this very readable cover to cover. This book will also be used. If his *Encyclopedia of Orchid Species*, which should be completed next year, is anywhere near as good, it will be the most important orchid book ever. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **phalaenopsis a monograph** By bev It is a book that explains the phalaenopsis orchid. It background why they are called the different names. Being an orchid grower, it helps to learn more about the plants the climate some types grow in out in the wild worth the money .

Without a doubt, the most widely grown orchids in the world are the species and hybrids of *Phalaenopsis*, the "moth orchids." Since their discovery by western botanists in the 18th century, *phalaenopsis* were considered aristocrats even among orchids and were eagerly sought out by the most discerning---and wealthy---of collectors. With advances in orchid propagation and breeding in the middle 20th century, however, these orchids became accessible and affordable to anyone with an eye for exceptional beauty. Few floriculture crops have swamped the marketplace as suddenly as *phalaenopsis* has in recent years, with millions of plants being produced for the mass market annually. Moth orchids have helped eliminate the misconception of orchids as temperamental conservatory plants only for the very rich. In the words of author Eric Christenson, we are witnessing "the makings of an orchid revolution." Against this backdrop of change and ferment, Christenson set out to write a definitive monograph of the genus *Phalaenopsis*, the first thorough treatment since Herman Sweet's revision in 1969. Focusing mainly on the forebears of today's omnipresent hybrids---the species---he always keeps an eye on the characteristics that species might bring to today's hybridization programs. With extensive keys and detailed reviews of the taxonomy of the genus, Christenson provides a thorough picture of the current scientific understanding of these remarkable plants. In addition to its scientific content, this book offers a wealth of practical information for the orchid hobbyist. A useful chapter on cultivation techniques is included, as is a chapter on hybrids in their many forms, shapes, and colors. More than 200 color photos and 60 drawings enliven the work and provide a fascinating visual overview. With the full sponsorship and support of the International *Phalaenopsis* Alliance, Christenson has written an extraordinary book reflecting years of botanical research and horticultural experience with the genus. No orchid specialist will want to be without it.

From Booklist Christenson devoted decades to the study of *phalaenopsis* orchids, and his definitive work promises to enlighten aficionados. While Christenson's monograph takes the form of a scholarly study, its detailed breakdown of subspecies, extensive color photographs, and engaging plant descriptions should fascinate newcomers who purchase millions of these plants yearly. Committed hobbyists and professionals involved in breeding hybrids will also find a wealth of stimulating data to assist in the cultivation of these distinctive plants. Alice Joyce Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved A longneeded revision of the genus *Phalaenopsis* . . . Highly recommended. -- Choice, July 2001 Eric has sculpted a very fine book that will be the bible for species growers for decades to come. -- Harold Koopowitz, *Orchid Digest*, April-May-June, 2001 No orchid specialist will want to be without it. -- Biology Digest, May 2001 From the Publisher This is the definitive monograph of the genus *Phalaenopsis*, which includes the most widely grown orchids in the world. It is the first thorough treatment since Herman Sweet's revision in 1969. Focusing mainly on the forebears of today's omnipresent hybrids the species Christenson keeps an eye on the characteristics that species might bring to today's hybridization programs. With extensive keys and detailed reviews of the taxonomy of the genus, the author provides a thorough picture of the current scientific understanding of these remarkable plants.