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Don't you envy these botanical explorers from the 18 hundreds who, wherever they went, found new plants, pressed them, labeled them and gave them a name whole maps full?. Actually not much has changed for the individual today, we still have to, each one for himself, discover and appreciate the 23000 species in South Africa... with the difference, that most plants already have a name, or not...just watch out next time you stop you might surprise yourself and the world!

But that is how Ralph found his new species of plants observing with an eagles eye, distinguishing between the way the "grasses" in the veld would wave in the wind just to find another species, which really looks like grass at first sight but it turned out to be a *Brachystelma bikitaensis* and a *B.christianeae*, or just to notice the unusual leaves or flowers and the way the stems of the plant would divide - it happened to be a new species-*Brachystelma kerznerii* and *B. lutea*!



While walking on his uncles farm in Melmoth he noticed this unusual flat leaf shaped *Euphorbia* which, after growing it, showed up with single flowers! He described it as *E.umfoloziensis* to commemorate its origin.



Ralph writes....." In February 1998 there were probably fewer than 100 *Euphorbia perangusta* plants left in habitat..." read more about these rare, but not difficult to grow *Euphorbias* from Groot Marico...

To encounter the only 2 light yellow flowering Hoodia gordonii plants in a planting of 30 hectares, thus amongst 1,5 million of Hoodia plants of which Ralph was responsible, is a once- in- a life-time experience.



Why would our Aloe marlothii from the Waterberg, which had leaves with very few spines, develop new leaves with many spines, after being eaten by Kudus as a winter food supplement?



These and many of Ralphs observations have ended as articles in recognized magazines. We have bundled them and made them available to you in a summarized way, which are easily accessible and just a finger click away and hope to give you some pleasure reading on some of these subjects.

-Please visit our **new website**: www.Flora-Africa.com

-For the **latest news**, please **like** us on **Facebook**.

-We also offer a **postal service** for smaller plants.

-Attached is the latest **plant list** of the plants on offer for this season. There are also individual, beautiful-plants, which we cannot capture on a plant list, which are better to get hold of when you come and visit us.

The spectacular indigenous **Impala lilies**, with the red and white flowers, are making their show now. Small to large plants are available. The older , the more character.

-We once again offer **sales days on the last Saturday of the month** in the growing season, 27 September, 25 October and 22 November (8h00-12h00). For those who cannot make it then, a visit by appointment (Thursday/Friday) during the growing season, works the best.

-Please join us at Petal Faire Nursery, Pretoria, with Leone Williams, who hosts a rare and unusual plant fair (19, 20 & 21 September).

Greetings Ralph and Christiane Peckover



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