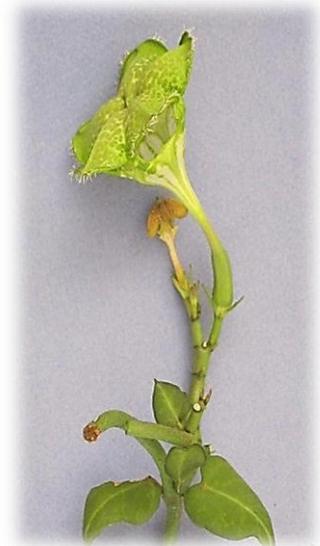


# Flora Africa

*Unusual succulents for the  
collector, landscaper & gardener*

## Newsletter January – March 2014

**Ceropegias** ....what does the word ring up to your mind?



Where does the word come from?... This time not from Latin but from Greek meaning wax and fountain, which is the impression given by the many flowered regular looking inflorescences. A fascination of flowers forms and colours and sizes. If 52 species from South Africa alone are not enough for you to collect you can aspire to the other 108 species ranging from the Canary Island to India to northern Australia. But of course, you don't only have to

collect them, but just let them grow in your garden, winding up trees or let them hang in pots on your verandah to enrich your life with abundance!

Have you ever tasted a bulbous Ceropegia? ...Not bad-something like a raw potato which the herd boys, in their close contact with nature was part of their diet. The town name of Serowe in Botswana is the local name of the Ceropegia.

### **Exciting news! Ralph will present a talk to us on the Ceropegias!**

He, on his travels through the country, studied and photographed Ceropegias and will share them with us on slides, the various types, their distribution and cultivation.

**When? 25 January, Saturday, 10h00-11h00** on our sales day, the last Saturday of the month (8h00-12h00)

**Sales days for 2014: Saturday, 8h00-12h00:** 25 January, 22 February, 22 March

Attached is a price list of the latest plants on offer. We also send plants by post for a minimum order of R500.

### **More exciting news!**

Do you know the Waterberg? Did you know that these mountains are older than the Drakensberg? In fact you can see layers of rocks of when the world was just a fast lake with tumbling rocks in a massive swirl of water; so old that no fossils are found to date! How old must the world be when you find a rock within a rock within a rock? Although the soil is very poor, between the rocks many (!) different species of plants find a shelter justthere . This piece of earth is just a paradise, a creation, to discover, to treasure, to absorb, to indulge.

**This we would like to share with you!**

**Ralph will offer guided one-day tours to small groups of people In the Waterberg!**

**More detailed news will be sent soon.**

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Our web-site: [www.flora-africa.com](http://www.flora-africa.com) is currently under construction but you can find us also on facebook:

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Pictures below are impressions from the Waterberg.

