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May you, for 2015, be surprised by what life has to offer in the smallest of things, which make up the big differences!



Like this *Euphorbia obesa*, amongst our plants, which had anthers and stigma (male and female parts) on the same plant. This is unheard of as you only get separate male and female plants!

And what heart pulsing excitement, when Ralph found the almost lost and very small *Brachystelma tenellum* nearby its type locality.

Brachystelma tenellum,
lost, but wait ...

An article he wrote in the Veld and Flora (September 2014)

by Ralph Peckover

For you, the plant connoisseur, the following is new on the plant list:



Adenium swazicum, according to SANBI's RED LIST of South African plants, is listed as critical rare and even rarer are the red flowering plants which we have available this year. I was amazed when I found a nursery selling their hybrid Adeniums as *A. swazicum*. Why? Because the name and the rarity sells! Amongst the *A. swazicum*s you get big natural variations in the flower and leaf. Adeniums do hybridize very easily. Just be alert and check your sources carefully, when you really want an indigenous one.



Pachypodium namaquanum growing at a rate and no fear that the rootsystem might give in. What a pleasure! These are the first releases we have, which started as an experiment. They are grafted but this is the way to see your own plant growing big in your lifetime. Ours measures now 1.4m and no headaches of losing it.



Many years ago and only once, we harvested seeds from our ***Dracaena transvaalensis***. Usually Dracaenas grow in tropical and high rainfall areas whilst this one is unusual in that it grows in very dry areas of Mpumalanga. Its slow growing but very stable and its status is listed on the Red Data List as RARE.



Crinum bulbispermum, grown from seed, were at last put into pots!

The leaves, greyish green and bulb one of the largest of the South African species, can survive high temperatures as well as below freezing point. Listed as DECLINING but NOT THREATENED yet.



Fascinating shapes and characterful plants of ***Raphionacmes velutina***, ***Euphorbia cylindrifolia***, ***Pachypodium saundersii***. The first ones we planted, 1999, are now at their best! Each plant has its own unique shape and character and speaks for itself.



So are these ***Pachypodium succulentum*** and their hybrids; characterful plants with a bonsai-look with shades of pink flowers in spring.



One after the other these medium and big Adeniums turn into flowerpower heads for a special focus point, where height is needed.



Also a small bush will eventually become big and pretty, like this fascinating **Sesamebush** (*Sesamothamnus lugardii*) from north of the Soutpansberg. Very stable, no-fuss plant with great shapes where flowers are not needed.



- Attached is the latest **plant list** of the plants on offer for this season. There are selected individual, beautiful-plants, which we cannot capture on a plant list, which are better to be seen by yourself when you come and visit the nursery.
- For more info visit the **website**: www.Flora-Africa.com
- For the **latest news**, look and **like** us on **Facebook**.
- We also offer a **postal service** for smaller plants.
- Come and visit the nursery on the **sales days on the last Saturday of the month** in the growing season, **31 January, 28 February** and **28 March** (8h00-12h00). We have included an extra sales day: **7 February**
- Join us at Petal Faire Nursery, Pretoria, with Leone Williams, who hosts a Rare and Unusual Plant Fair (6, 7, 8 March) and at the Boeremark(Silverton), when plants are in flower.

Greetings Ralph and Christiane Peckover



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