

Weeds and Orchids

How Wild Orchid Watch could help



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Why orchids are sexy

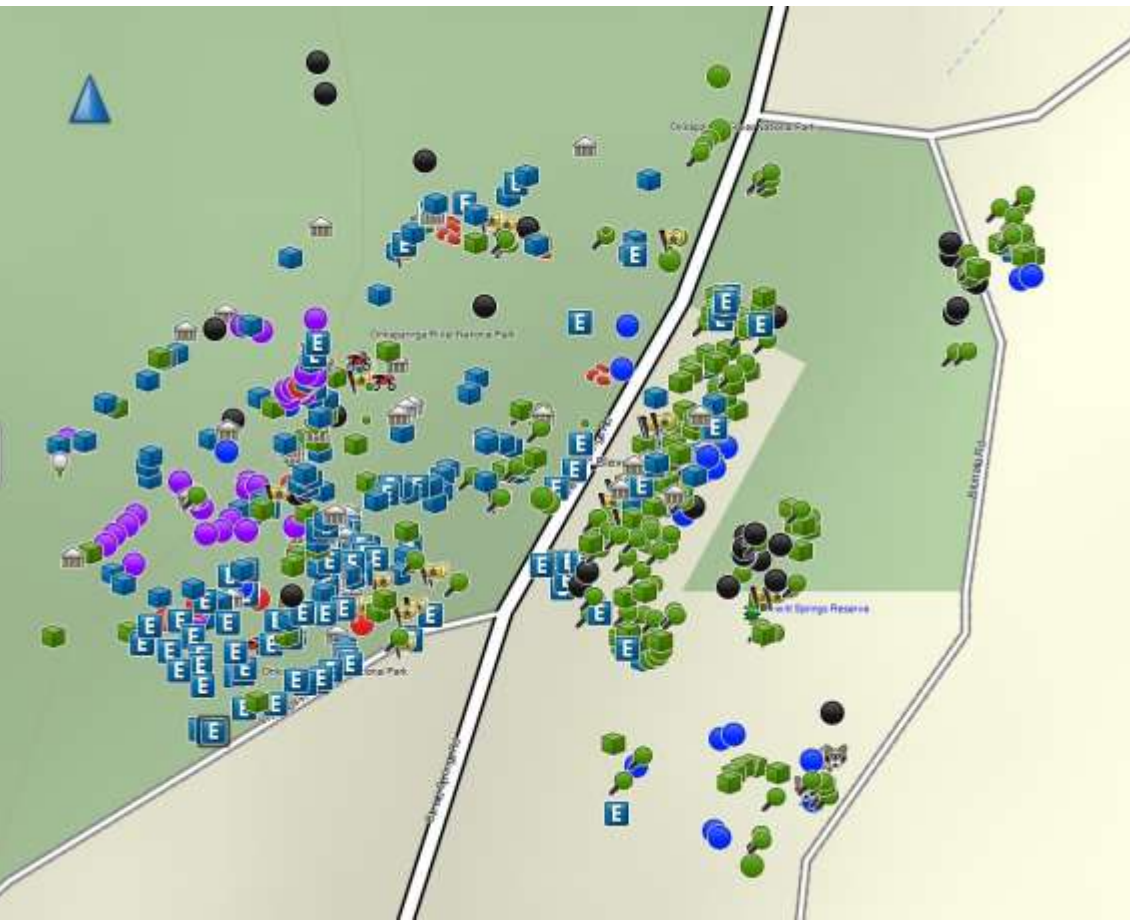
- ✓ Amazing deceptive sex lives
(look on the Internet or ask me privately)
- ✓ Each lover needs to be tricked twice
- ✓ Freeloaders –
needing others to support their lovers
- ✓ Exciting to find
- ✓ Great to photograph
- ✓ Studying them is addictive



Native orchids and weeds

Opportunities for gaining knowledge

- ✓ Common orchids
- ✓ Edge effects with annual and perennial weeds



What is Wild Orchid Watch?

Wild Orchid Watch is a major national citizen science program using innovative app-based technologies to supercharge our ecological understanding of Australia's native orchids, and support novel research into the role of native orchids as floristic sentinels (barometers or indicators) of environmental change.



Orchids as weeds

Disa bracteata (South African Weed Orchid)

- ✓ Invasive to disturbed sites
- ✓ Much effort can be spent on control
- ✓ Could be natural controls
- ✓ Little is known about its spread



Rough time table

- ✓ Grant from mid 2017 to mid 2020
- ✓ Starting software development mid 2018
- ✓ Testing in 2019



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