

Rick Burian

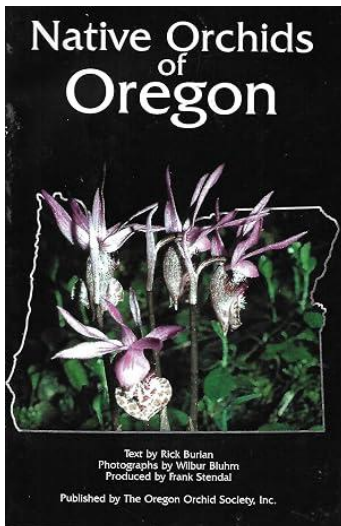
Orchids of South Africa

Rick Burian is a prominent orchid enthusiast, photographer, and active member of the orchid conservation community, currently serving as vice president of the Native Orchid Conference an organization focused on the study and conservation of native North American orchids.

He is most widely recognized for providing the definitive photograph of *Gastrodia agnicellus*—a species described in 2020 from Madagascar famously dubbed "the world's ugliest orchid" by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. His photograph accompanied the species' official scientific description and was circulated globally by major science publications like New Scientist. Rick is active in the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA): As an active member, Burian captured his famous photograph during an OCA "Orchids in the Wild" tour to Madagascar.

Rick is active in the Oregon Orchid Society and frequently presents educational lectures for the Oregon Orchid Society YouTube Channel, covering specialized topics such as the Orchids of Papua New Guinea and iPhone Orchid Photography. Check out his videos they are fantastic.

Rick is an Oregon Orchid Society Life Member. Rick is a past board member, Vice President, President and Show Chair among other roles over the past 35 years. Rick contributed to the Oregon Orchid Society's publications of *An Orchidist's Lexicon* and *Native Orchids of Oregon*. Rick takes many international trips to observe and understand the complexities of the orchid world.



**Rick Burian photo of
Disa uniflora on Table
Mountain in Cape
Town.**

