Orchid Adventure Cards

How to play
Cut out and share the cards between you and your friends. Take turns to look at your top card and choose a category to try and beat your opponents. If your card scores the highest you win your opponents card. The person with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

Paphiopedilum
Master Tricksters
To a hoverfly, these flowers look like just the right place to lay some eggs. But no, it's all a big trick! When a hoverfly tries to lay eggs it gets trapped inside the big pouch and is forced to pollinate the flower.

Angraecum
Long tongues only!
This orchid has nectar on offer for pollinators but it won't share it with just anyone. The nectar is stored at the end of a long tube so only moths with super long tongues are able to get to it.

Calanthe
Beautiful Flowers
These orchids grow on chilly mountains and wet woodlands in Asia. Their name, Calanthe means 'beautiful flower'.

Vanda
Super roots
Beautiful Vandas grow high up in the branches of other trees. They have special roots covered in a spongy layer called velamen. This helps them take up water and nutrients from the tropical air.

Cymbidium
Chinese Elegance
These beautiful plants have been treasured by humans for thousands of years. They were first grown in China more than 2000 years ago and are loved for their elegant good looks.

Vanilla
Ice Cream Orchid
Orchids make the tiniest seeds in the world. The seeds from the Vanilla orchid are also the tastiest. Only one rare species of bee is able to pollinate vanilla so instead most vanilla flowers are pollinated by humans.

Bulbophyllum
What a stinker
Different species of Bulbophyllum give off different smells to attract animal pollinators. Some smell like cucumbers, some smell like potatoes and some even smell like a herd of dead elephants. Yuck!

Dendrobium
Tree dwellers
These orchids grow on the branches of other plants. Their name, Dendrobium, means 'one who lives on trees'. They survive dry weather by storing water inside special stems called pseudobulbs.

Phalaenopsis
A favourite flower
Thanks to the millions of people that grow this orchid in their homes this is the world's most common orchid. Try growing one yourself for lots of long lasting beautiful flowers.

Orchidometer

Rarity
Flashy Flowers
Survival Skills
Size
Freaky Factor