

*Orchis maderensis* (syn. *foliosa*)

*Orchis maderensis* is probably the finest of the terrestrial orchids. Although a native of Madeira it appears to be quite hardy, certainly in the warmer parts of the British Isles. Unlike the majority of terrestrial orchids it takes kindly to cultivation and grows well in a partially shaded position in rich, moist peaty or leafy soil. It associates well with hostas, ferns and asiatic primulas. The best means of propagation is careful division of the fleshy roots in spring.

The plant illustrated (Fig. 74) was growing in MRS. FARQUHAR's garden at Ardsallagh, Fethard, Co. Tipperary, Eire. It was planted three years ago on an artificially made shelf in partial shade in fairly heavy soil. It survived the winter of 1962-63 without any protection. It received the Award of Merit in 1920 as *Orchis foliosa*.

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