The book concludes with a glossary (p. 56) and references (p. 57); both are concise rather than extensive to appeal to a wide readership. Although I am biased, the authors could perhaps have also referenced my paper (Dawson et al., 2007) which updates some of Molloy and Dawson’s (1998) discussion of hybridism and amphidiploidy in *Theleymitra*. Amphidiploidy (or allopolyploidy as it is also known) is chromosome doubling of often sterile hybrids to produce fertile progeny. This has been an important process in the evolution of *Theleymitra* and is an interesting story barely mentioned in the book. The authors have perhaps wisely refrained from digressions such as this and have kept the guidebook brief and focussed on identification. I also noticed that the authors have not used common names for *Theleymitra* (unlike their earlier book; de Lange et al., 2007).

I recommend an *Illustrated guide to New Zealand sun orchids*; it is the best reference available for identifying this fascinating group of plants.

**References**


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**Erratum**


The timeline (Fig. 2, p. 24) indicated that the Banks Memorial Lectures first began about 1970. However, 1926 is the correct year that the Institute first named the annual lecture after Sir Joseph Banks. See the timeline at www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/RNZIH_timeline.htm.