



East Texas Orchid Society



Mail-order Orchid Vendors

www.andvsorchids.com **Andy's Orchids** specialize in species only, but they have an incredible selection. The site is a great info resource as well as it is searchable by genus, flowering season, temperature requirements, and even country of origin. Prices vary, but plants are *very* well grown and blooming size. Customer service is a point of pride for them; they even call you a week after your order arrives to see if you have any questions. That's what I call customer service.

www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com **Sunset Valley Orchids** – Owner, Fred Clarke is a well-known orchid breeder and grower. Plants I've received from SVO have been some of the healthiest plants I've ever purchased – seriously. Priced very well, his plants are seedlings from paring high quality parents so each is unique. I can't say enough about this vendor, just see for yourself.

www.oakhillgardens.com **Oak Hill Gardens** is another favorite. They are a family run business in Dundee, IL that specialize in species and botanicals but carry many popular hybrids. They have their own laboratory and several greenhouses so prices are very reasonable. If miniatures are your only option, OHG has a great selection.

www.orchidsbyhausermann.com **Orchids by Hausermann** is an old family nursery that has been around a while. They are also doing their own breeding and offer some very nice plants. They have recently increased their variety a bit but are mostly known for Phals, Paphs, and Cattleya hybrids in all sizes. Spring for the larger pot size if you can, the plant will bloom much more quickly than the less expensive "near blooming size" orchids sold by others.

www.carterandholmes.com **Carter and Holmes** is a very large orchid nursery in SC. Their breeding has resulted in many fine clones – often named for their town or street (Newberry and Mendenhall). They offer a free plant with order of 5. Some are larger, but many are offered as smaller plants. Smaller plants means lower prices.

www.marblebranchfarms.com **Marble Branch Farms** - Interesting crosses involving mostly the Cattleya alliance. A personal favorite of mine, their hybrids trend towards the weird and wild. They also offer bonus plants for return customers. The owners are very pleasant to deal with.

www.sborchids.com **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate** – Wide variety can be a bit pricey but plants are well grown. Their website has many nice photos.

www.rforchids.com **RF Orchids** - Well-known Vanda hybridizer. I'm not too familiar with this vendor as I don't grow too many Vandas, but that's just about all they grow so they must do it well.

<http://mirandaorchids.com> **Miranda's Orchids of Brazil** – Growing mostly Cattleyas, Miranda's is actually located in FL but imports plants from Brazil for sale in the US. Some are hard to find anywhere else. The select clones get expensive but the standard plants are more modestly priced.

www.mauiorchids.com **Exotic Orchids of Maui** – Maui should say it all; in Hawaii they grow orchids like we grow St. Augustine! This grower has many different types available – a few are on my wishlist. Great prices.

www.jewellorchids.com **Jewell Orchids** – Great little nursery in Georgia that offers mostly Cattleya but carry some odds and ends. Prices are reasonable and plant quality is great. Some choice plants and some more common varieties.