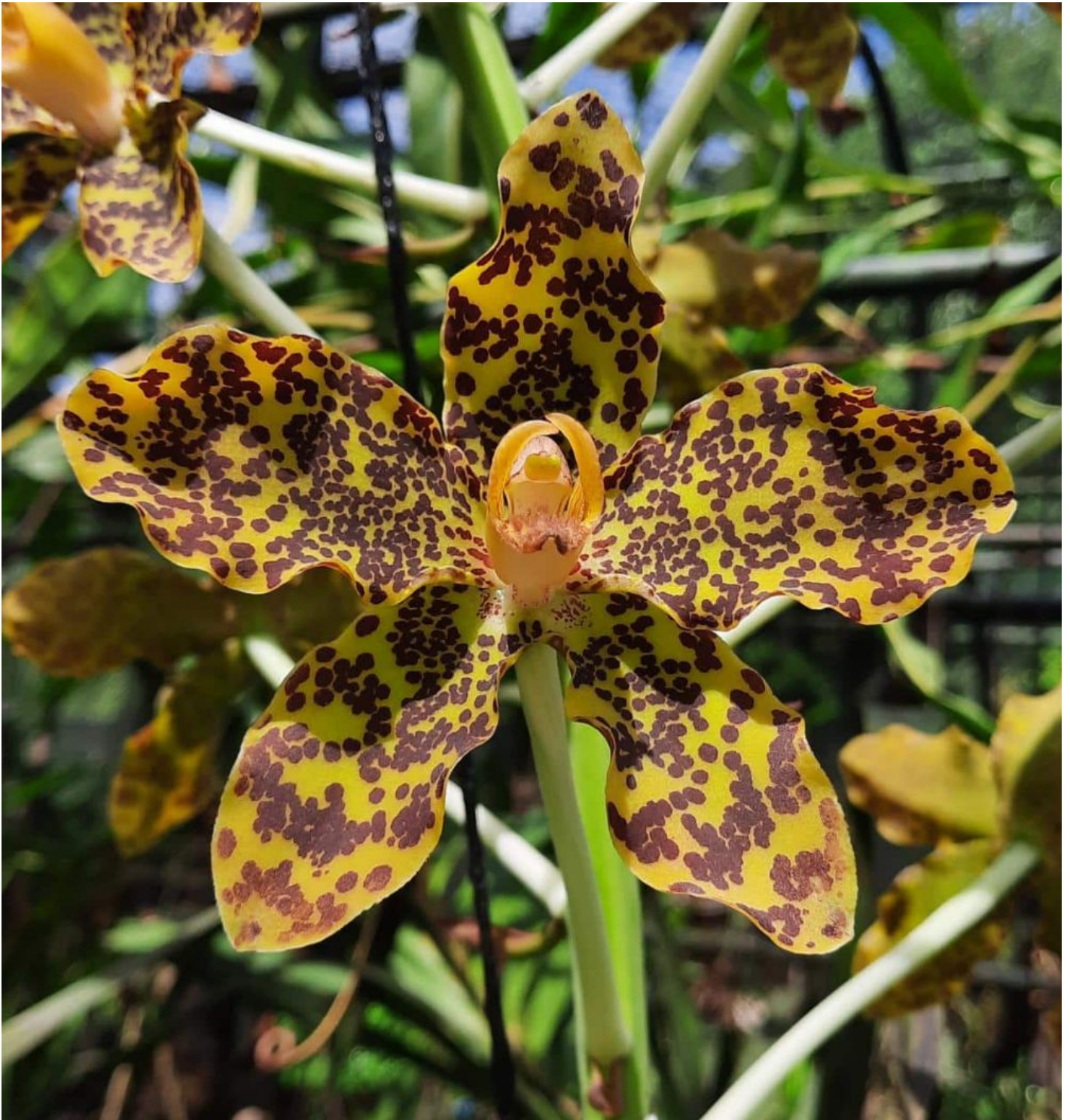


Tiger orchids

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About Tiger orchid:

- It is **the largest orchid species** in the world.
- It is called Tiger Orchid because of its splendid flowers which sport striking brown spots against a yellow backdrop, bringing to mind tigers.
- After 8-12 years of growth, *Grammatophyllum speciosum* produces **flowers in alternate years in its natural habitat**.
- It is often grown as an ornamental orchid in gardens and parks for its attractive foliage and large flowers.
- It **flowers in January or July**, but plants do not flower every year.
- The plant was **listed by the Guinness Book of World Records** as the world's tallest orchid, with specimens recorded up to 7.62 metres in height
- **Distribution:** Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Laos.
- **Habitat:** They grow **in Terrestrial** (Primary Rainforest, Freshwater Swamp Forest, Riverine) habitats.
- **Preferred Climate Zone:** Tropical, Sub-Tropical / Monsoonal.
- **Conservation status**
 - **CITES** : Appendix II

Q1) What is Habitat?

Habitat refers to the natural environment or surroundings in which a particular species of plant or animal lives and thrives. It provides the necessary resources and conditions for the species to meet their basic needs, such as food, water, shelter, and space for reproduction and raising offspring.

Source: [Tiger orchids, largest orchid species, bloom at Kerala's Jawaharlal Nehru botanic garden](#)

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