

Cultural Interest Plant of the Month July 2017

Plant Name: *Pomatocalpa* angustifolium

Exhibitor:
Julie Copley-Bishop

Owners Comments:

<u>Housing:</u> This compact Vandaceous type species orchid is mounted on tree fern. It is housed under 50% shade cloth on my front veranda and catches the morning sun. The *Pomato-calpa*, in general, appear to like more light and intermediate to warm temperatures. The inflorescences are pendant and foxtail like, with the extremely small flowers opening successively. No artificial conditions are provided for its growth.

Feeding: I feed weekly, all year round, with Orchid Boost at half strength.

<u>Watering</u>: The orchid is misted twice daily in summer by hand held hose using town water. In winter, watering or mist-ing is determined on the weather conditions of the day but at least every other day due to its exposed root system.

<u>Potting Medium</u>: This orchid is mounted on tree fern at the moment but it is not thriving. The *Pomatocalpa spicatas* that I have had for a number of years are mounted on cork and grow well.

No Photo was taken on the evening. Above Image IMG_1140.jpg by turgon_bkz on Flickr.com *Pomatocalpa angustifolium* Seidenf. (1988)