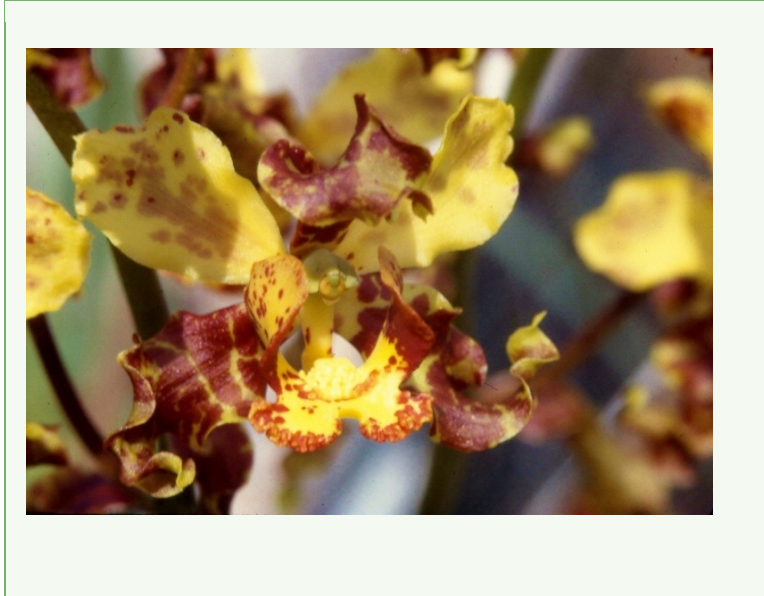


# *Cyrtopodium punctatum*

Cigar Orchid • Cowhorn Orchid • Bee Swarm Orchid

◆ Florida Native ◆



---

**Distribution:** Southern Florida (Lee, Collier, Miami-Dade, Monroe counties; state-listed endangered), Caribbean, Central America, and South America to Argentina.

**Growth Habit:** Epiphyte. Cypress swamps and coastal uplands — low on trunks in open, humid areas with good air movement. Pseudobulbs to 60 cm; plants to 1.5 m across.

**Host Trees:** Bald cypress and buttonwood preferred. Choose forks or branch crotches with afternoon shade. Avoid smooth or flaky-barked species.

**Watering:** Twice weekly in summer; once weekly or less in winter with a dry rest after growth matures. Never waterlogged — excellent drainage essential.

**Temperature:** Warm, 65–95 °F. Not frost-tolerant. Well-suited to South Florida outdoor culture year-round.

**Light:** Bright light with protection from intense mid-day sun. Tolerates more sun than most epiphytes once established.

**Additional Notes:** Blooms late winter–spring (peak May) on spectacular branched panicles to 3 ft with 30–500+ gold-yellow, red-spotted flowers. Pollinated by Carpenter and Bumble bees via deceit — fragrant but no nectar. State-listed endangered; once heavily poached. Grows very large — allow plenty of space.

---

**BROWARD NATIVE ORCHIDS**

[www.browardnativeorchids.com](http://www.browardnativeorchids.com)