

Forrest Medal 2009 Aberdeen



Cypripedium parviflorum var pubescens

Cyril showed four fantastic forms of fabulous Cypripediums in the six pan class at Aberdeen. For many years these magnificent orchids have been viewed as hard to please and therefore difficult to grow. Nothing like these big pans would have been seen at our shows, even 15 years ago. Some wild species certainly are difficult and I am perfectly sure that modern hybrids are not much easier. Pundits will say that when you provide the correct conditions and meet a plant's requirements then you should be able to grow it. Note the word 'should'! Cyril has proved to be master of many genera, most of them seen by others as difficult since he erupted into the show scene at Aberdeen many years ago with his Forrest medal Polygala 'Lillet'. That was his first show and the Forrest plant was in section 2. Since then he has confirmed his position as our top grower. Well done Cyril and keep going. Your plants give all of us untold pleasure and we look forward to seeing them.

