

## NATIVE TO THE U.S. AND CANADA Epipactis gigantea





The Chatterbox gets its name from the way the lip flutters up and down in the wind. This orchid grows in British Columbia and

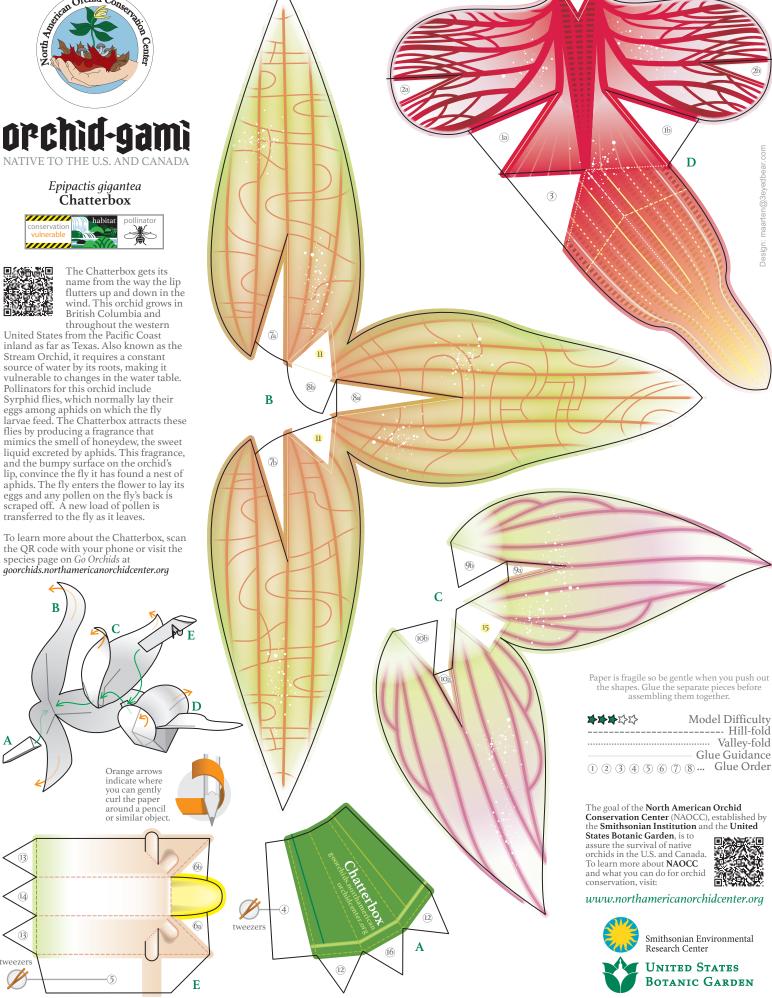
throughout the western United States from the Pacific Coast inland as far as Texas. Also known as the inland as far as Texas. Also known as the Stream Orchid, it requires a constant source of water by its roots, making it vulnerable to changes in the water table. Pollinators for this orchid include Syrphid flies, which normally lay their eggs among aphids on which the fly larvae feed. The Chatterbox attracts these flies by producing a fragrance that flies by producing a fragrance that mimics the smell of honeydew, the sweet liquid excreted by aphids. This fragrance, and the bumpy surface on the orchid's lip, convince the fly it has found a nest of aphids. The fly enters the flower to lay its eggs and any pollen on the fly's back is scraped off. A new load of pollen is transferred to the fly as it leaves.

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