

Kew Gardens, London England





Shari in the *Gunnera*



The Palm house



Davies Alpine house









*Eriogonum
thymoides*



*Pleione
formosana*



*Lewisia
cotyledon*



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cotyledon*



*Leucocoryne
coquimbensis*



*Daphne
petraea*



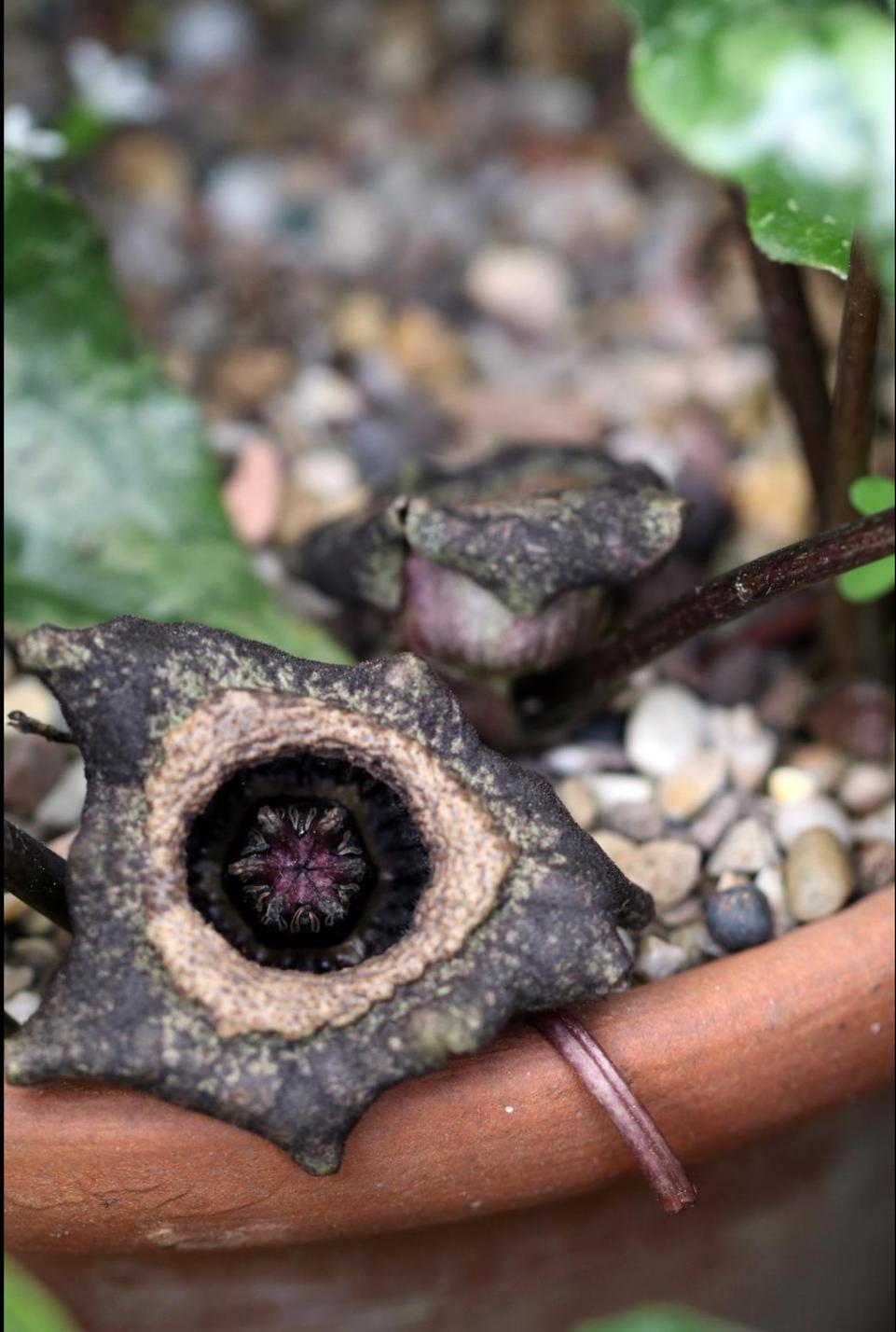
*Saxifraga
fragilis*



*Saxifraga
longifolia*



*Asarum
splendens*



Draba
mollissima



Dryas
octopetala







*Ramonda
nathaliae*





*Primula
takedana*







The alpine area transitions to the rock garden.



The rock garden has separate sections for each continent.



Cerastium boissieri



*Cerastium
boissieri*





Asarina procumbens

Geum triflorum



Haberlea rhodopensis



Mimulus naiandinus





*Lysichiton
camischatcense*



*Cypripedium
calceolus*



Princess of Wales Conservatory



Princess of Wales Conservatory had a wonderful collection of *Begonia* species.



Begonia tripartita



Begonia albo-pictus



Begonia ampla



Begonia amphioxus

In the Arid section, there was a collection of stork's
bill (*Pelargonium*) species.



*Pelargonium
endlicherianum*



*Pelargonium
cordifolium*



*Pelargonium
laevigatum*



*Pelargonium
lanceolatum*

Green jade vine
(*Strongylodon macrobotrys*)



A member of the Kew staff was pollinating jade vine flowers. He demonstrated how the stamens rock to hit the back of pollinating bats that probe the flowers for nectar.



The Hive is a sculpture inspired by a honey bee hive meant to draw attention to the importance of pollinators.





Kew has a number of large, old trees including this Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra*).



This pagoda tree (*Styphnolobium japonica*) was planted on the original 8 acre Kew site in 1760.



On the Orangery lawn is a large chestnut leaf oak (*Quercus castaneifolia*). Planted in 1846, it is a relative youngster - not being even 200 years-old.



Another chestnut
leaf oak (*Quercus
castaneifolia*) was
planted in 1727
making it nearly
300 years-old.



Near the Orangery is an old oriental planetree (*Platanus orientalis*) planted in 1762.



*Quercus x
hispanica
lucombeana*
planted in
1774.



Quercus x hispanica lucombeana
has a trunk that is over 20 ft. around.



Blue Atlas cedar
(*Cedrus atlantica*
glauca)



Little leaf ash
(*Fraxinus angustifolia*)
with a considerable
graft overgrowth.



Wollemia was only known from the fossil record until it was found in a remote forest in Australia in 1994. The largest trees were over 130 feet tall.



Male cone



Female cone

Kew Chinese pagoda



Kew Temperate house was just newly renovated and opened in May.



Kew's Temperate house is the largest Victorian conservatory in the world.





The octagon section.



The Kew tree top walk passed through the large horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) canopies.



Tree walk tower



View of the Kew Temperate house from the tree walk.





Kew Water lily house



Victoria lily (Victoria amazonica)





Tropical water lily (*Nymphaea*)

Nymphaea 'Kew's
Stowaway Blues'

