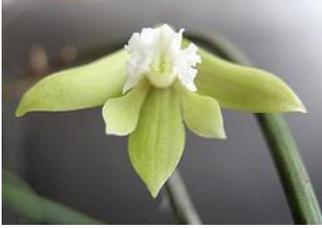


## Dockrillia bowmanii



One of our distinctive Australian native species, *Dockrillia bowmanii* is a terete-leaved epiphyte that forms straggly clumps to 60cms long. The dark green leaves from to 15cms long and 4mms in diameter. Flowers, to about 25mm across, are pale green to a yellowish green with a white labellum.

This species is a sporadic flowerer and will flower anytime and several times a year with flushes in mainly spring and autumn. It can have 1 to 4 flowers per leaf. I have a few of these plants and can guarantee that when one flowers, all will flower. *Dockrillia bowmanii* likes humidity, slab mounting and being hung high in the shadehouse, best somewhere where they don't touch anything underneath. This allows them to grow longer.

Mine are grown under double shade cloth, watered twice a week in autumn and spring, once every two weeks in winter and three times weekly in summer. Natural rainfall is also taken into account. I fertilize with Manutec only once a week.

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A Note on Nomenclature - this is one of the Australian species involved in a proposed change of genus name from *Dendrobium*, as it has been known since its discovery and identification, to *Dockrillia*. The purpose of this proposed change is to create a separate new genus which would group together a number of terete-leaved species heretofore classified as being in the *Dendrobium* genus. Although this change has been promoted by Australian botanists for the past couple of decades and is used by Australian botanists, it has not yet been accepted by the Royal Horticultural Society, which is the registering authority.

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