

## **Scienza & bellezza. Le orchidee nei libri di Ulisse Aldrovandi**

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The atrium of the Aula magna of the University Library of Bologna hosted an exhibition dedicated to the orchids in Ulisse Aldrovandi's dry herbarium and painted plates.

Dried specimens, matrices of the engravings for the printed editions and painted plates were shown together with modern photographs of the same orchids, found between Emilia-Romagna and Trentino. The exhibition intertwines Aldrovandi's interest in local as well as exotic flora with the plant world that continues to surround us in its whole beauty, extravagance and variety.

The exhibition, curated by Adriana Paolini, can still be explored on a multimedia atlas that offers a map of the origin of the specimens owned by Aldrovandi and a description of their botanical characteristics. The atlas can be explored at the following web address:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c31e6d228739404da0901b815d0c194b>