

plants and some birds which were new to us.'

*Cook*: 'Mr Forster and his party in the country botanising.'

*Prodr*: No. 311 *Ophrys unifolia*.

*Identity*: *Microtis unifolia* (Forst. f.) Reichenbach f.

*Note*: the common New Zealand onion orchid (terrestrial).

6 *WH* (figure 3): 'An elegant genus of the orchideae, growing along with the other. Its height of (sic) that of the preceding sort never exceeds eighteen inches'.

*BM* (figure 4): 'Serapius regularis Nov 13'. Finished watercolour drawing No 2/233.

*JF*: see 5 above. The 'new genus' is *Thelymitra*.

*GF*: see 5 above.

*Cook*: see 5 above.

*Prodr*: No. 312 *Serapius regularis*.

*Identity*: *Thelymitra longifolia* J. R. & G. Forst.

*Note*: the common New Zealand sun orchid (terrestrial).

7 *WH*: '*Portlandia*. A shrub with large yellowish green leaves of a thick texture like leather, and long tubulous white flowers: It grows on the bare rocks of a Savage Island of the South Sea without any Soil at all. It has all its leave towards the tops of the branches, which are but few.'

*BM*: '*Portlandia tetrandra* Savage Island. June 22 1774'. Finished watercolour drawing No. 1/48. Uncoloured engraving No. 29.

*JF*: 'We landed & waded a good deal through the water & then climbed up the steep Coral rocks, where we found one plant & immediately after went into the boat'. They met natives, and Cook's gun misfired. Forster's gun too, but he writes, '... then Mr Hodges, Mr Sparman & my Son fired, & probably wounded some of the Men who had thrown 2 Spears at Capt Cook. ...' So Hodges was with the botanists on this venture ashore.

*GF*: 'The captain, accompanied by Dr. Sparrman, Mr. Hodges, my father, and myself, went ashore.'

*Cook*: 'Mr F. and his party began to Collect Plants etc; the Coast was so run over with woods, Shrubery, Plants, Stones etc that we could not see forty yards around us.'

*Prodr*: No. 86 *Portlandia tetrandra*. 'In insula ferox'.

*Identity*: *Bikkia tetrandra* (Forst.f.) A. Rich.

*Note*: Cook's Savage Island is Niue. They are superb plants with large showy flowers.

8 *WH*: '*Loranthus*. This plant is parasitic, and of the same Genus with that No. 2 and grows out of the Stems & Branches of trees in like manner: but its branches are long, and twining, not so much divided into smaller ones. Its leaves are a bright green, and its flowers orange with some Crimson leaves.—It is a native of the Tropical Southsea isles.'

*BM*: '*Loranthus stelis* Taheitee'. Finished watercolour drawing No. 1/109.

*Prodr*: No. 157 *Loranthus stelis*.

*Identity*: *Loranthus forsterianus* Schultz.

*Note*: a Tahitian mistletoe.

9 *WH*: no description

*Note*: there is no Forster drawing like this sketch.