

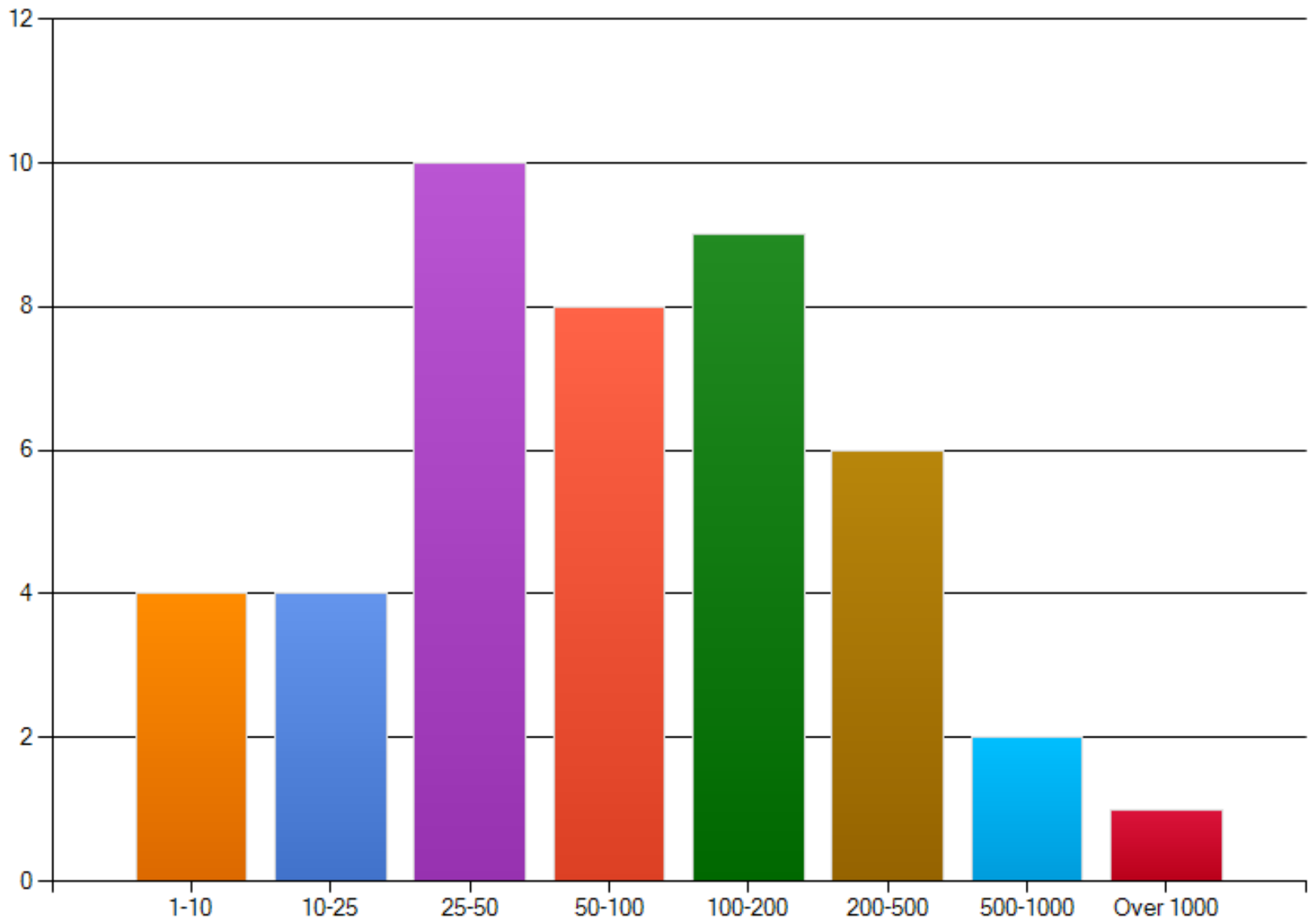


2009 Membership Survey Results



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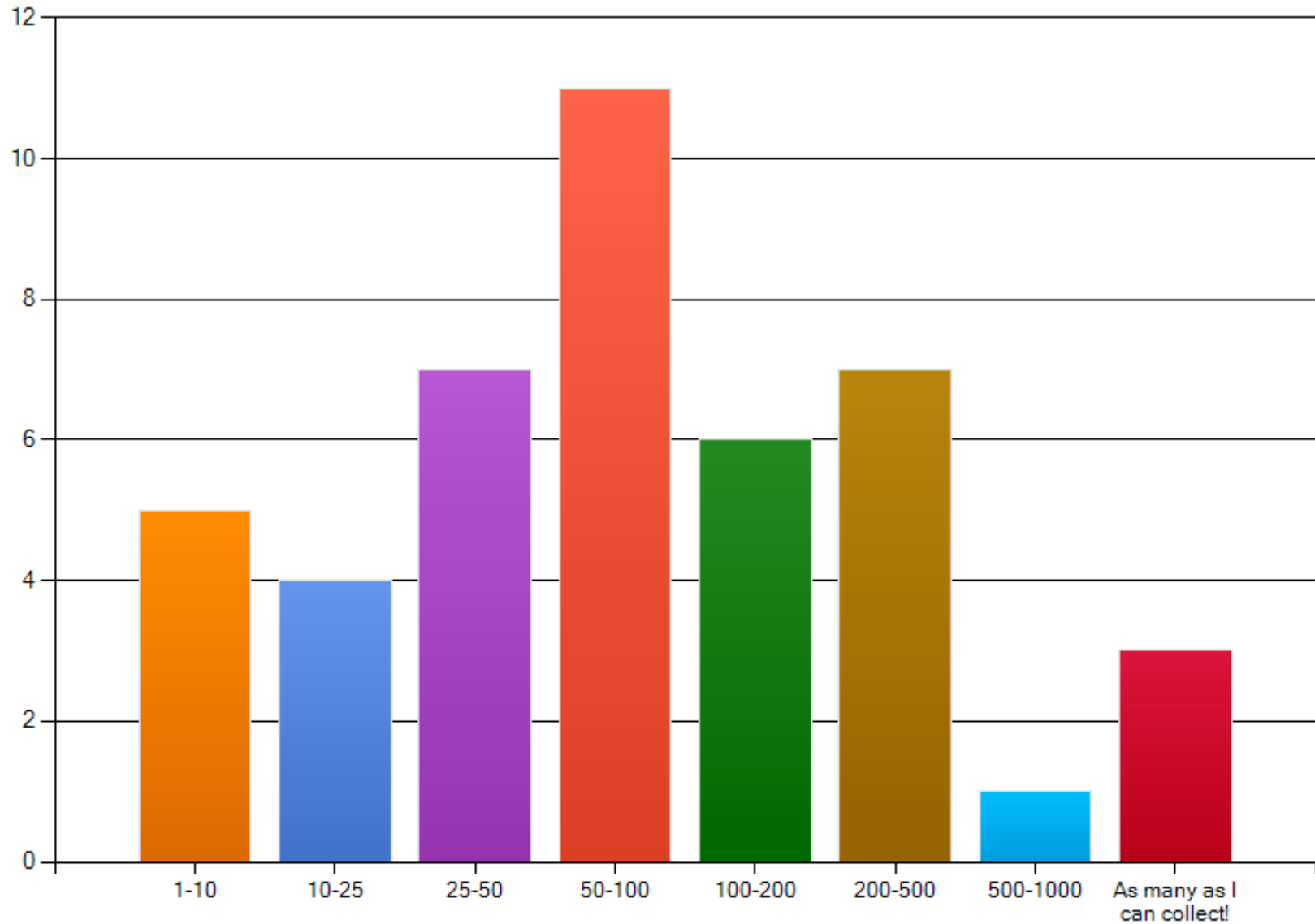
How many orchids do you currently have?





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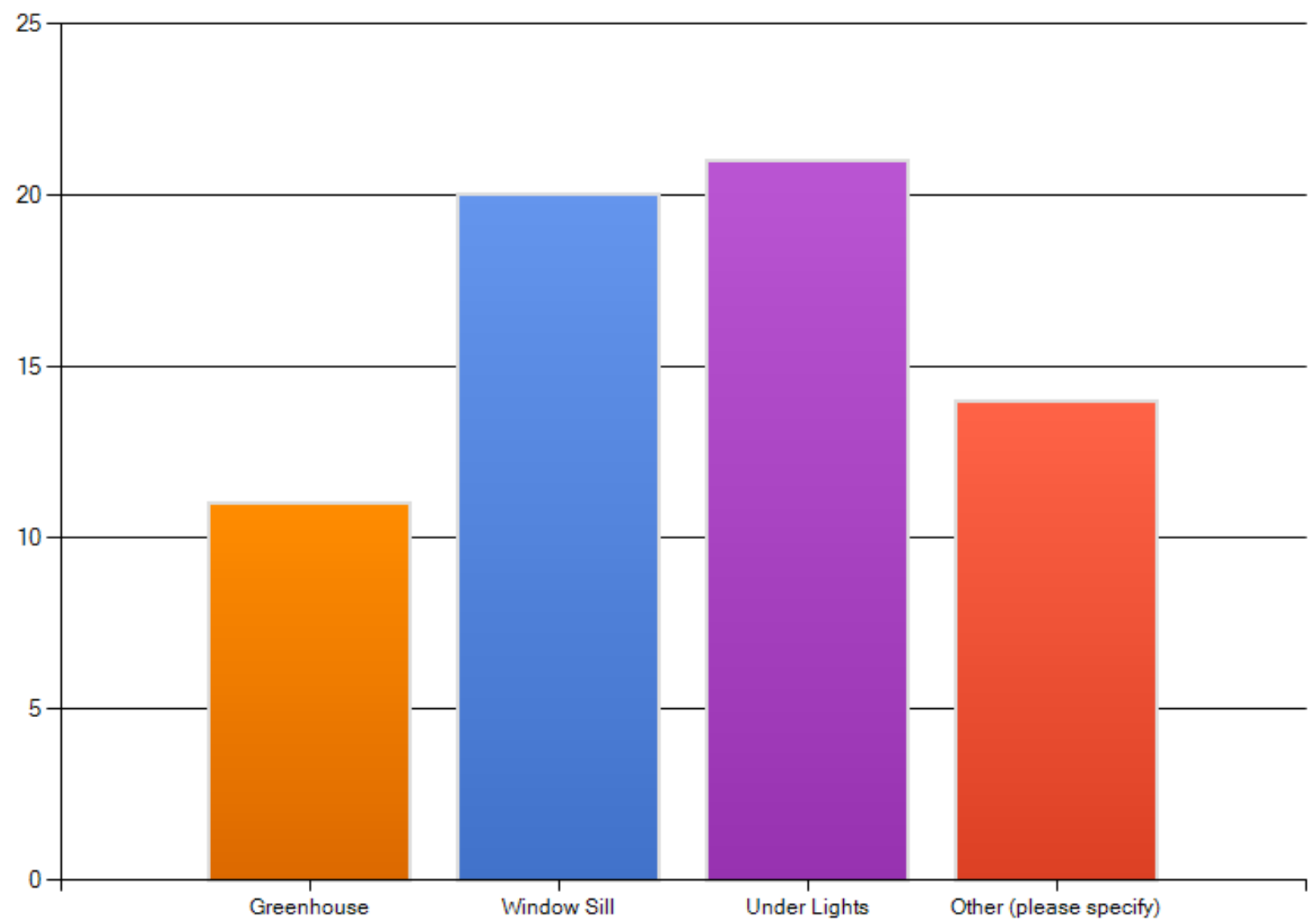
What number of orchids would be your ideal collection size?





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What growing method do you use?





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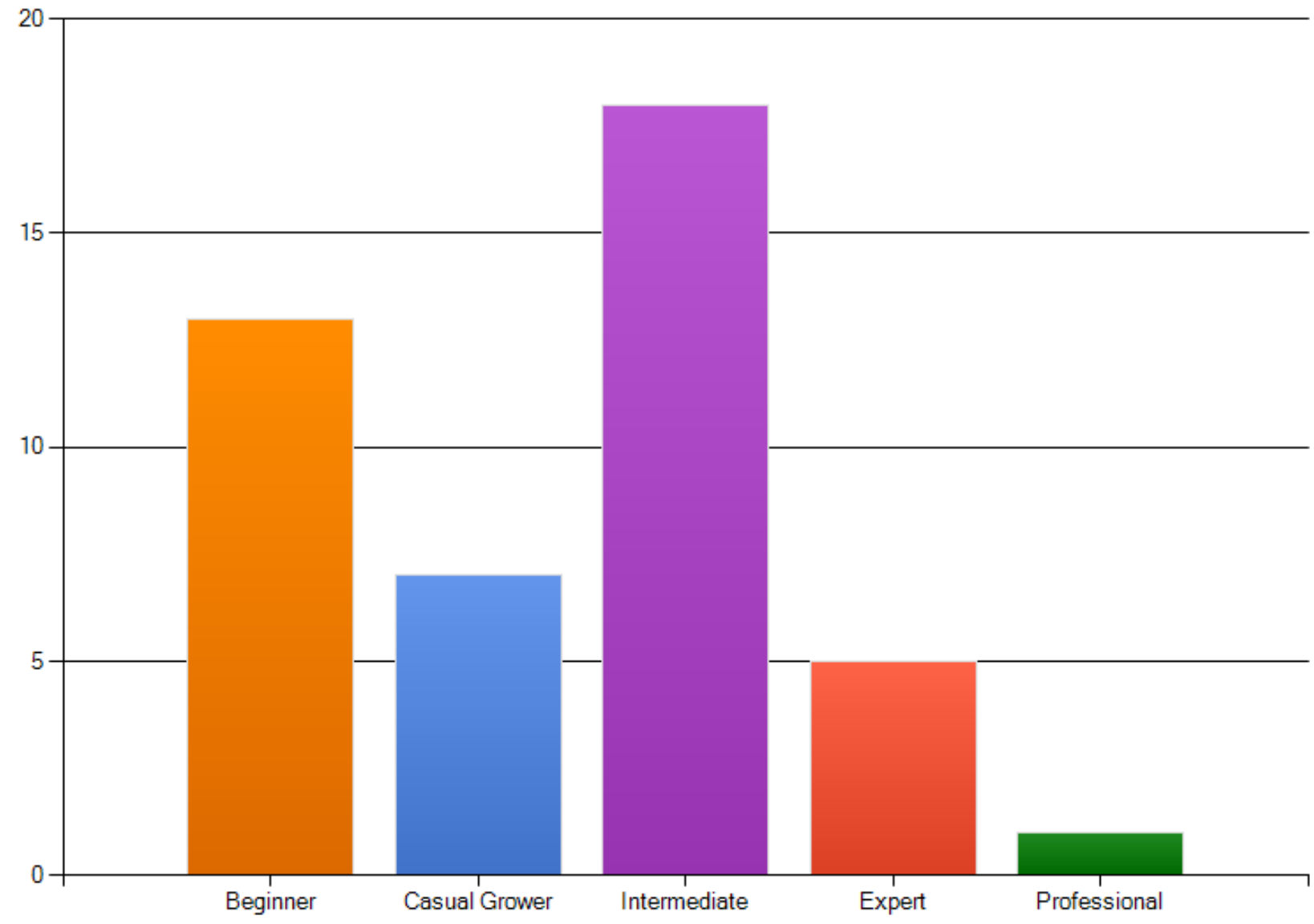
Growing Method Comments:

- out of doors in summer
- we have a sunroom
- plans to build a greenhouse
- porch
- Grow Phal's in my house currently w/o lights
- over an old bathtub, in a copper pan with stones +out on the porch in the summer
- outside and luck
- Nothing special
- out doors
- sun room
- Any where there is light and space(outside in summer)
- also use reflective film (mylar)
- Outdoors in a shade house
- My Partner Grows orchids



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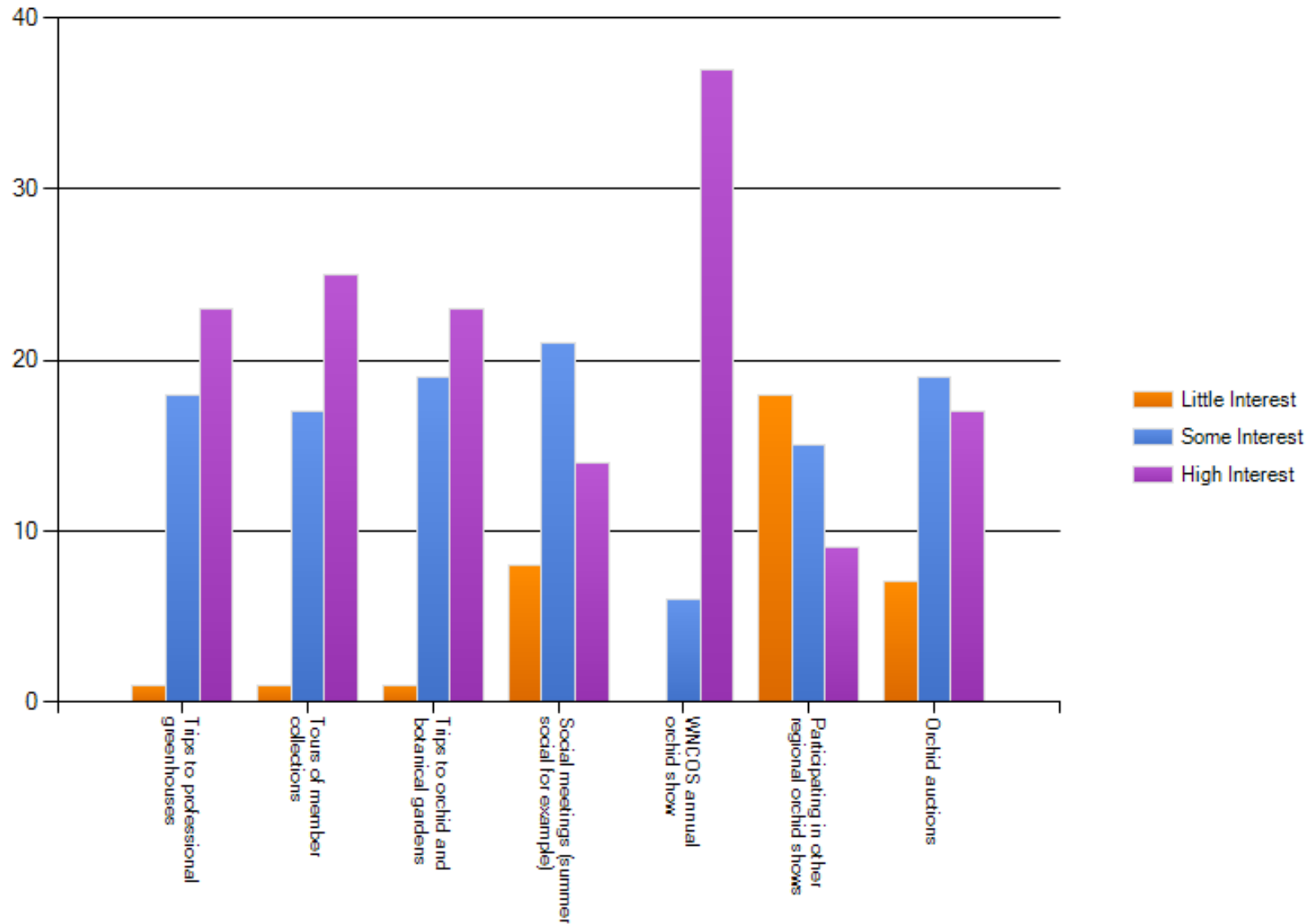
What would you consider your skills/knowledge as an orchid grower?





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Rate the following WNCOS activities based on your level of interest:





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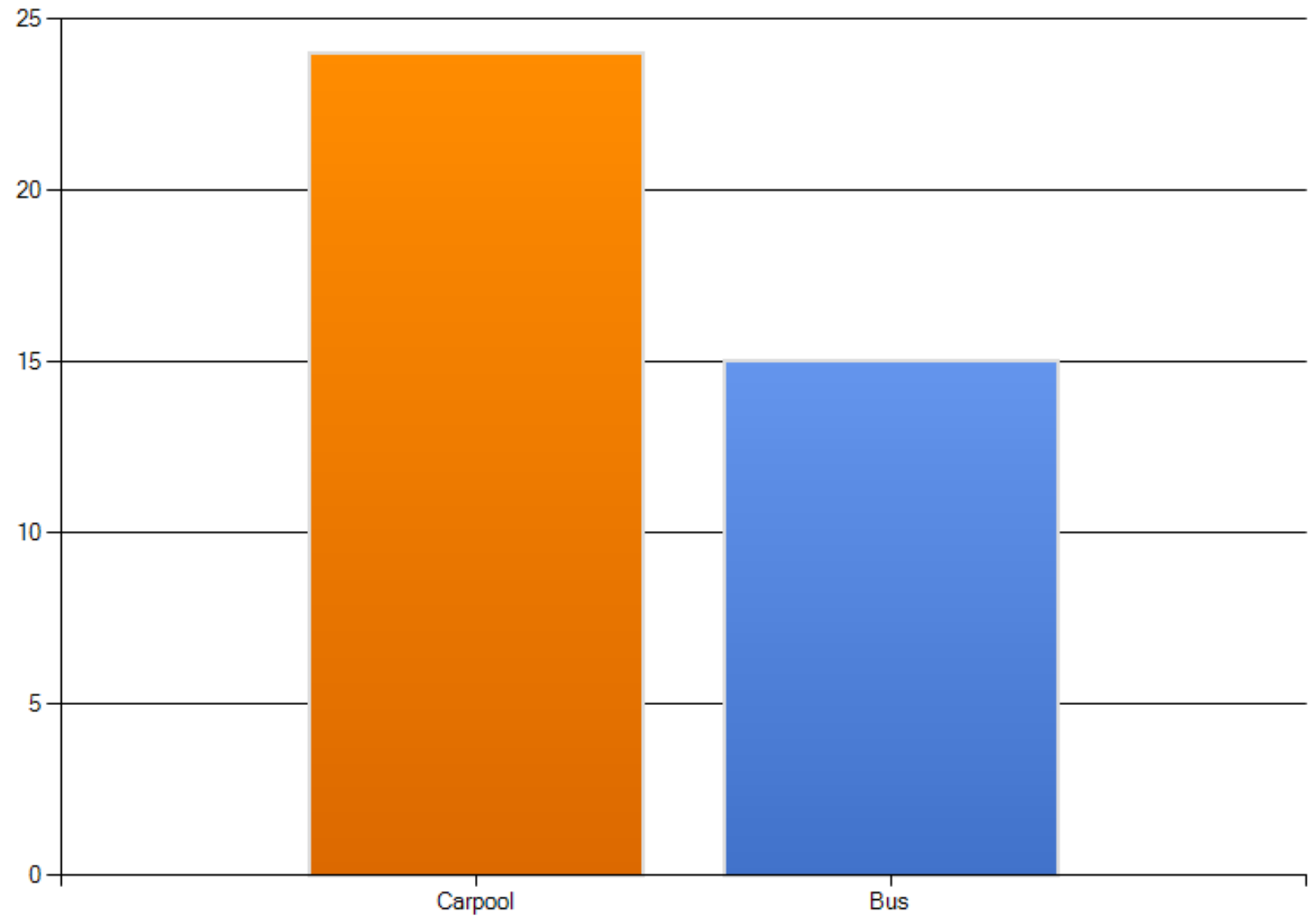
Are there other activities you would like to see us explore?

- Demonstrations and discussions of orchid care are of primary importance
- Trips to see native orchids growing in situ would be wonderful, also working with the NC Arboretum on native orchids and/or a tropical orchidarium.
- Taxonomy and culture education
- I would like to see time set aside at each meeting to have an open forum to address members questions concerning growing conditions, pest control, and general information of what works and perhaps what doesn't work in this area.
- I am still very interested in participating in some sort of native orchid activity at the Arboretum, whether it be identifying native orchids on the property, creating a native orchid display garden, or some other educational activity.
- Advice about proper potting soils for various types, especially cymbidiums
- Currently I need wisdom re building a greenhouse - the correct size, location and type.
- More involvement in conservation activities of both native and tropical species. Eg., walks to find/identify native plants, participation in propagation and raising of rare and endangered species, etc. More presentations on technical matters such as in vitro propagation and tissue cloning would be interesting as well.
- I would love to have a "how to" program. I have lots of questions that books do not answer and I would like the knowledge from others who grow orchids. Even if we could schedule an additional program it would greatly benefit me as a novice. Thanks
- I like the idea of "what's wrong with my orchid" workshops and topics on different / new media (S/H)
- More field trips like the one to Carolina Orchids.
- This society does a great job promoting the culture of growing orchids. I would like to become more active once my life settles down and to increase my collection. I am moving right now, so busy with all of the hassles that go on with selling and buying a house.
- Establishing native ground orchids at both the Botanical Gardens at UNCA and at the Arboretum. Announce Board Meetings in the Newsletter.
- Thank you for all the research on speakers for our meetings. I would like to see more meetings that are educational. Maybe if we do have greenhouse or botanical tours they should be in addition to, but not replace the monthly meeting. I would like to support the shows by other societies, but that is difficult for those of us that work full-time. Also, as far as plants, seems like I don't usually have enough quality plants in bloom. I would like to see more participation by other members of the society. Is there any way to promote that.
- Special, professional speakers.
- I am involved in these activities



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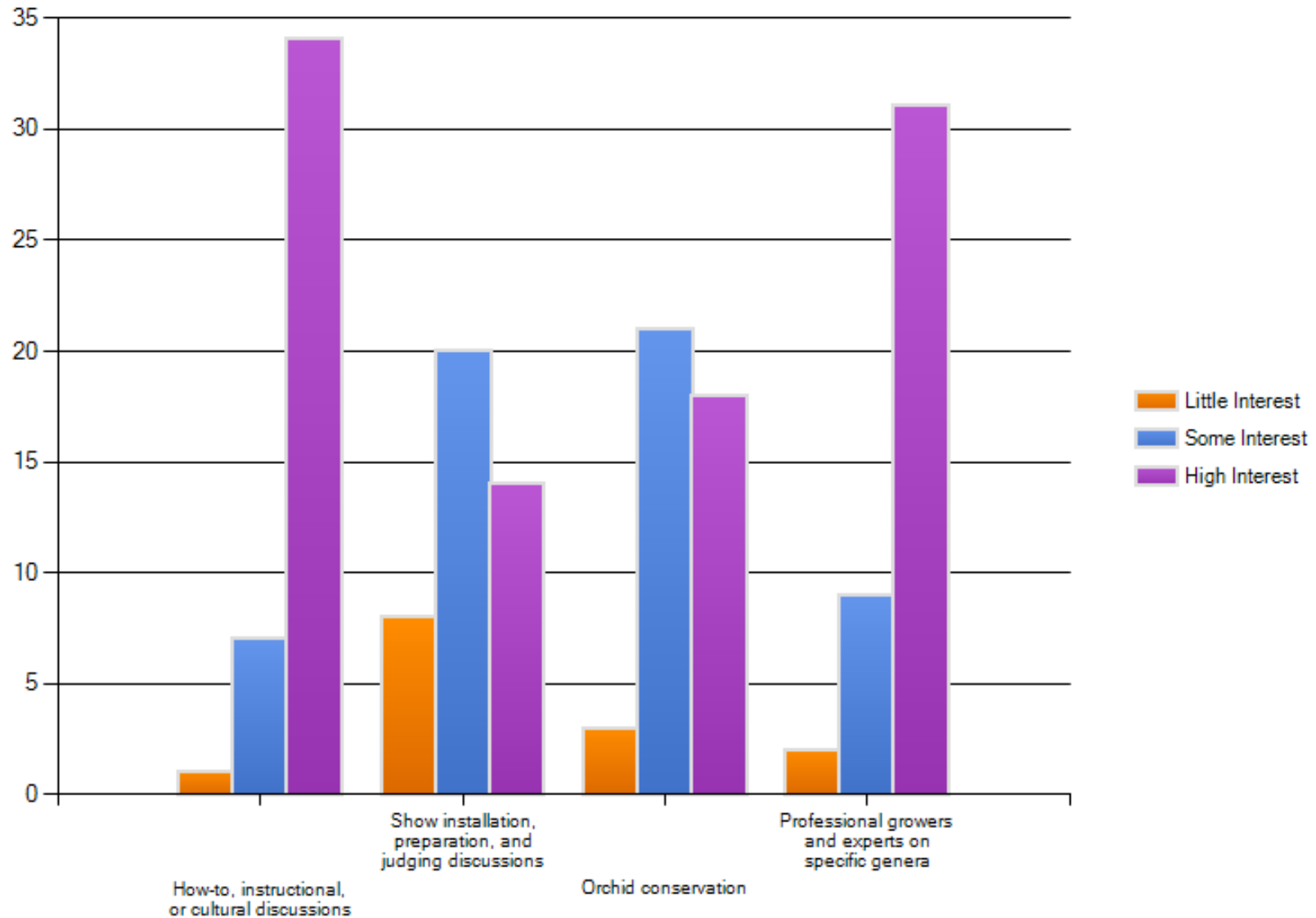
If we go on a trip would you prefer to carpool or to take a bus?





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Rate the following meeting topics on your level of interest:





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Are there other topics you would like to learn about?

- I'd like to see presenters with lots of high quality photos to demonstrate thier topics.
- I'm not sure exactly by what 'orchid conservation' means within this survey. Does it mean conservation in the wild or conservation at home.
- Potting soils, blends, etc.
- the orchids best suited for where - in a small location or greenhouse only or what to do to care properly, potting, potting ingredients, fertilizer...TLC
- I would like more meetings with growers on there specific areas of expertise.

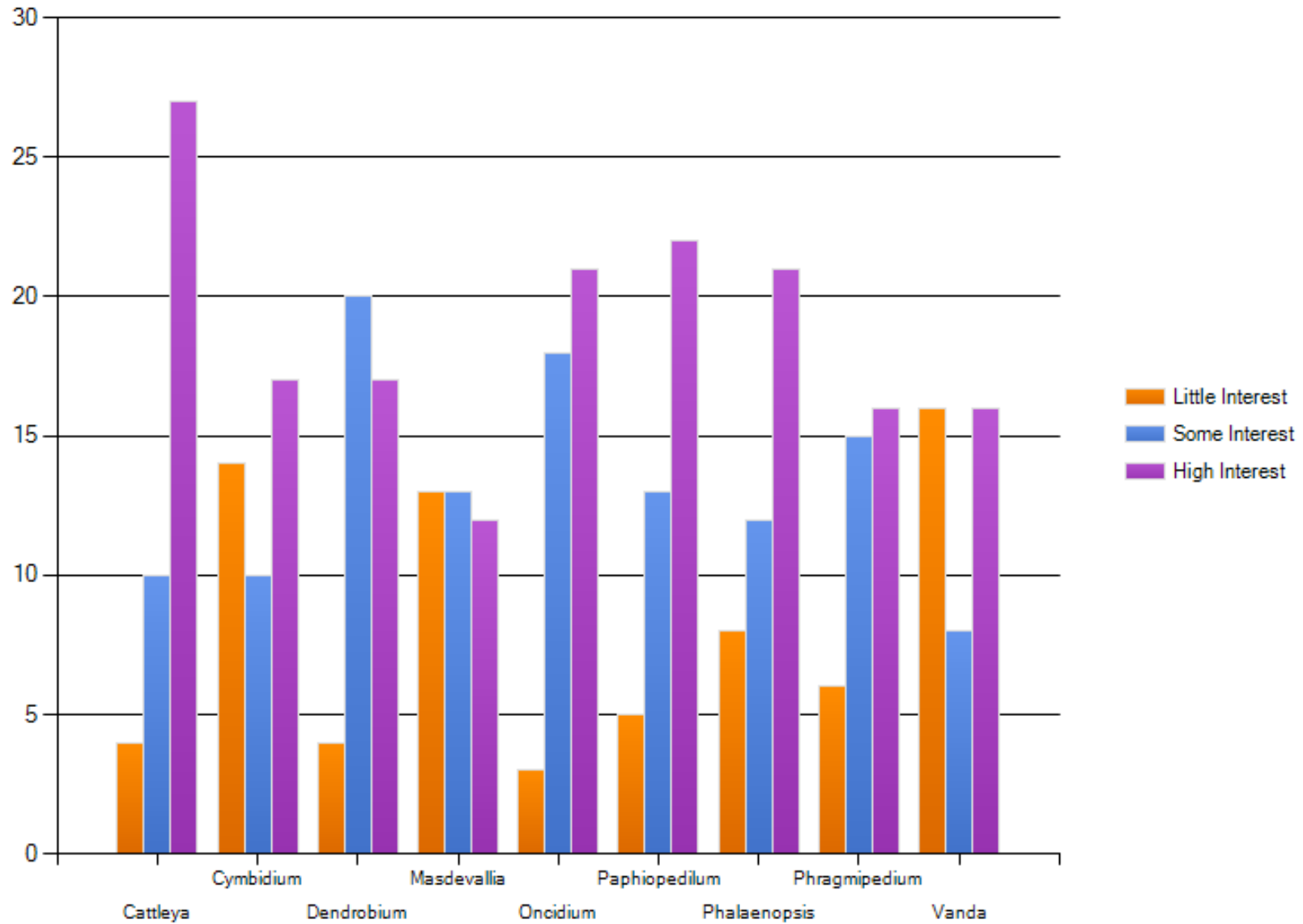
Species

- Types, watering, potting, pests and other critters, conditions, best orchids for and more.
- I like the idea of "what's wrong with my orchid" workshops and topics on different / new media (S/H)
- energy saving methods for greenhouse growing insect and pathogen control with less chemical exposure
- I would welcome any presentations on orchid culture regardless of genera. Or related topics - orchid habitats, anything that would be educational. I personally did not try to grow certain orchids for quite a while - and when I finally did - it worked great! So the more info on various kinds of orchids - the better.



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Rate the following orchid types on your level of interest:





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Are there others that you would consider highly interesting?

- Odontoglossums, odontioda, mtdm., vuyl
- Draculas, all species, minis, other unusual orchids, native (to the US) orchids
- native terrestrial
- Intergenerics
- those are what I mostly have.. My paph is showing its 10th blossom, constant since April. Bought at Home Depot in FL in 2006. It has taken others a long time to decide they like N.C.
- Angraecum
- Angraecum and related genera
- ones I have not heard about yet
- I am an orchid junkie. Any one is highly interesting!
- all species
- Bulbophyllums, temperate-growing orchids in general from around the world (incl. terrestrials and epiphytes)
- vanilla
- Bulbophyllum
- Perhaps species and some of the Oncidium Intergeneric types.
- Mormodes, lycaste, neofinetia, epidendrum, low to medium light/humidity species in general
- bulbophyllum
- Any miniature.
- All Species.



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What other suggestions do you have that would help improve our Society even more?

- survey and utilize the talents of all our members to keep them interested and lessen the burnout rate. Also provide more opportunities for members to exchange plants, supplies and information.
- Our meetings improve all the time. They become more and more professional. Keep it up!
- It is hard to come in new, as majority already know one another ,and enjoy same..breaking in takes time.
- Expand funding endeavors
- You are doing a fine job Thanks
- While I'm sure there are reasons for not doing so, this is a support group but there are not provisions for sharing contact information unless we network individually. I would like to see a membership roster with address and contact info, email and/or phone. If individuals want to opt out of sharing, that could be accommodated as well.
- no comment. I think someone is doing a very good job.
- Could the website be modified to include a simple bulletin board/classified page allowing members to post things they're looking for or want to sell/trade? The member auction was great, but I would love to have some facilitation of opportunities to trade divisions, etc., with other members year-round. Oh, and if bandwidth and technology allow, a member photo gallery on the website would be fun, though we could also just create a WNCOS group on Flickr and link to that... Thanks for soliciting my opinion!
- I like it the way it is now, no need for improvement. I think you all do a great job with speakers and trips.
- I believe that many of our members have really valuable knowledge and I would like to give them an opportunity to share with those of use that are novices.
- None, as I am new and dont really know how it is yet. I love the enthusiasm and fun everyone seems to have.
- Prefer monthly meetings on weekday evening- find it very hard to make the Sunday afternoon meetings.
- Membership group to welcome and introduce new members. Bob Benites does a great job, but probably could use some help.
- Establish an annual scholarship. 'Adopt' some group in need, provide them orchids and teach them to care for them.



Thanks to everyone for the
input.