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Orchids of Canada

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How many different stamps can you find in one booklet? Basically there are supposed to be four different orchids. Counting from the top row, #1 is a *Bulbosa*, #2 is a *Rotundifolia*, #3 is a *Pubescens*; next row No. 4 is a *Psycodes* (that is if you can read the golden inscriptions on the dark stamps).



Then #5 repeats #3; #6 repeats #2; #7 repeats #3; #8 repeats #4; #9 repeats #1; #10 repeats #2; #11 repeats #1; and #12 repeats #4.

Now look at #s 1, 9, and 11. Are these all the same? No! #1 and #9 are the same but #11 is different. Here the leaf and the stem goes beyond the perfs and these are much longer than on the other two stamps.

Now look at #s 3, 5 and 7. Are these the same? No! All three are different. #3's left leaf is cut off before the perfs and the right leaf is large and extends over the margin. #5 also has the left leaf cut off, but here the right leaf is short and cut off. #7 has the right leaf cut as on #5, but here the left large leaf extends far into the margin, across the perfs.

Now take #2. The arc in the green leaf is 3mm long, on #4 the same, but on #10 the arc is 4.5 mm long.

Now come #s 4, 8 and 12. Are these the same? No! #4 has the left leaves extending into the margin across the perfs and the stem is 1.25 mm long. #8 has the left leaves cut off, the stem is 1.25 mm long. No 12 has the left leaves cut off, but the stem is 3.00 mm long.